

COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Dilemma

FOR the French Government, there appeared an interesting, and we presume not unwelcome paragraph in Mr. Eisenhower's State of the Union message. He said: "I shall ask the Congress to authorize continued material assistance to hasten the successful conclusion of the struggle in Indo-China. This assistance will also bring closer the day when the Associated States may enjoy the independence already assured by France." This assurance came nine days after Secretary of State Foster Dulles had warned Peking that a consequence of Chinese intervention in Indo-China would be a direct assault on the China mainland, and two days after Premier Lanlot had told the French National Assembly that while France desired to see an end to hostilities in Indo-China the struggle would be maintained until peace could be assured. This firmness of attitude which comes from both Washington and Paris is probably not lost on the Chinese Communists—an attitude which was stated when the Korean armistice was signed. At the time it was feared that the weight of the Communist offensive would be transferred to Indo-China. Nevertheless organized Chinese intervention has not materialized.

WHAT cannot be ignored is the possibility of the Indo-China war lasting indefinitely unless it is ended by negotiations, like the Korean conflict. Given time, it is conceivable that the French Union forces could bring Indo-China under control. But it has to be remembered that popular opinion in France is that too much time, money and lives have already been spent in the struggle. No Government could afford to deplete or reject the promise of continued American aid aimed at bringing the Indo-China war to a successful conclusion. Nevertheless, it remains true that the desire for a negotiated armistice is strong throughout France. Compromise, however, involves political complications and difficulties. France is committed to ensure that the Associated States obtain true independence, and it is hard to see how this can be guaranteed through a negotiated peace with the Vietnamese while they are still militarily strong. There is no lack of sympathy for France in her dilemma.

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US Not To Reduce Ground Forces In Europe NEW PLAN EXPLAINED

Washington, Jan. 8.

The United States does not at present intend to cut its ground forces in Europe under President Eisenhower's new plans for a "readily deployable strategic reserve," Mr. Charles Wilson, American Secretary of Defence, announced in Washington today.

Asked at a press conference if the President was thinking of one specific area for the location of a reserve for the whole world or several centrally-placed reserves in different areas, Mr. Wilson replied: "We are thinking more of the United States as a proper location for our strategic reserve."

Mr. Wilson was clarifying President Eisenhower's statement yesterday that United States defence planning was based on a "centrally-placed, readily deployable" strategic reserve.

He defined the reserve as a force "in a place where you can move it rapidly—both as far as the air force, navy and army are concerned—and more reliance on air power."

Boy "Bride" Vows To Marry Fiancee

Sainte Gomme, France, Jan. 8.

Lucie Blanchet, the farmer's daughter, who was discovered on the eve of her wedding that she was medically a boy, vowed today to marry her farmer fiancée anyway.

"If necessary, I will go to Paris to remain a girl—or to become one," she told her family.

Rough Weather In Europe

London, Jan. 8.

Snow storms and freezing temperatures swept across Europe today, sending the death toll upward in the winter's roughest spell of weather.

However, Northwest winds across the North Sea slackened and disaster crews along the tide-threatened coastal areas relaxed. The cold, snow, sleet and high winds have caused 50 deaths in Western Europe in the past several days and the toll was expected to increase. Countries behind the Iron Curtain also were hit by the severe weather.

Hungary was reported in the grip of an influenza epidemic. Trains on the Continent were still tied up by the storms and long-distance bus services were cancelled. However, traffic in the major cities was returning to normal.—United Press.

Lucie's parents and the family of her fiancée, Alime Crechet, agreed. "The wedding will have to be postponed," but we are all expecting to see the couple united," a relative said. Three years ago, Alime Crechet began courting Lucie. They soon became engaged and the two families arranged the wedding for January 9—tomorrow. Banns were published, the banqueting saloon of the main cafe in Sainte Gomme reserved, and the invitations printed and sent out.

Today, Alime and Lucie presented themselves for the compulsory pre-marriage medical examination and a 25-year-old Lucie was dumfounded when the doctor told her: "You cannot marry Alime. You are a man, not a woman!"

Another doctor said: "With an operation, we can make a handsome man of you—but certainly not a woman!"

A third doctor said: "Lucie is a real woman." If Lucie is a boy, said officials, a marriage could not only be immoral but illegal. M. Dublanc, the Public Prosecutor, ordered an inquiry.

Most people in this village of 454 people, were shocked by the news as Lucie was. "She never lacked partners at our village dances," said her girl friends.—Reuter.

Mouse-Swallower Summoned

The Hague, Jan. 8.

A man who recently swallowed a live mouse for a bet has been summoned by the police.

The man, a worker from Nijmegen, has been charged with cruelty to animals.—France-Press.

1. It would not affect the planning of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation either in the military or naval field.
2. Matters now being discussed were not things that were going to happen "real quick."
3. The new military programme would be taken step by step.

4. It was a reasonable assumption that any loss of fire power through a reduction of troops overseas would be made up by the use of new weapons and changes in the role of the different armed services.

Mr. Wilson denied reports that the United States planned to withdraw three divisions from Korea. The two it intended to withdraw came within the plan to establish the strategic reserve in America, he added.

Asked if it was eventually proposed to withdraw all United States forces from the Far East, he said it would be a "long, long time" before all forces were brought back from the Pacific.—Reuter.

New Atomic Tests

Washington, Jan. 8.

America announced today, on the eve of the Soviet-United States talks on procedural questions connected with President Eisenhower's atomic pool plan, that a series of atomic tests would shortly be staged in the Pacific.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission said that men and material would be taken to the Marshall Islands this month. No date for the tests was given.

Though there was no official announcement, it was believed here that an extremely powerful hydrogen bomb and new types of atomic weapons would be tested since the announcement revealed that tests would be made on all categories of nuclear weapons.

The tests will be commanded by General Percy Clark and co observers will be permitted.—France-Press.

"Guerilla" Strikes To Start Next Week

London, Jan. 8.

Leaders of Britain's Communist-dominated Electrical Trades Union, decided tonight to go on with their plan to stage a series of "guerilla" strikes—stoppages in key industries—next week, culminating with a one-day general strike on January 18.

This was their reply to the employers' threat yesterday that every worker who took part in the strikes would find no work available for him the following day.

Mr. Frank Foulkes, President of the ETU, told a news conference tonight that the threat by the employers was a "challenge which will be met with the full resources of this Union."

He added: "We are fully mobilised and at war stations."

The cause of the dispute between the Union, which has 203,000 members, and the employers is a claim for more pay for 40,000 workers. The Union had asked for three pence an hour more. The 3,000 firms employing the 40,000 offered half that amount but it was turned down by the Union.—Reuter.

Amintore Fanfani May Become Italy's Next Premier

Rome, Jan. 8.

Amintore Fanfani, 45, Christian Democrat left-wing member, tonight emerged as likely first choice for the Italian Premiership.

Former Premier Alcide De Gasperi and other leaders of the Christian Democrat Party were understood to have proposed his name today to the President of the Republic.

President Luigi Einaudi was due to complete by Saturday the intensive consultations he has carried on with political leaders since Premier Giuseppe Pella's Government resigned on Tuesday.

It was certain that any new government would depend mainly on the Christian Democrat Party, the strongest in Italy. It was therefore expected that President Einaudi would give much weight to any proposal put forward by the party's leaders.

But it was not yet clear whether Signor Fanfani would be able to attract sufficient support outside the Christian Democrat Party to give him a parliamentary majority.

At the same time as it put forward his name as the next prime minister, the Christian Democrat Party Executive laid down the policy of his government.

4-POINT POLICY

Since Signor Fanfani is a member of the Directorate, it was assumed that he had accepted the policy. It was:

1. "Continuation and completion of reforms and social measures already started or decided upon"—such as land reform, a big house building programme, other public works projects to absorb some of the 2,000,000 unemployed, heavy government investments in the poverty stricken south and reform of the tax system.

2. "A policy work and production to be undertaken with maximum energy and with rapid and efficient measures."

3. "Firm defence of the authority and prestige of the Republic to guarantee freedom and consolidate democratic institutions."

4. "Firm protection of Italy's interests within the framework of the Atlantic alliance and European co-operation, in harmony with the efforts being made to seek and guarantee peace."

It was believed that most Christian Democrat leaders hoped that the strongly right-wing Monarchist Party would agree to support this programme.

in Parliament and accept Fanfani's premiership.

But Monarchist leaders were still tonight urging that Premier Pella, whose government they had supported throughout its five months' life, be reinstated.

President Einaudi was due to end his consultations tomorrow. It was expected that he would pick the premier-designate on Monday.—Reuter.

SETTLES FOR \$5½ MILLION

New York, Jan. 8.

Mrs. Barbara Sears Rockefeller today accepted an offer of US\$5,500,000 from her husband, Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller, in return for her consent to a divorce.

Her lawyers announced that representatives of the two parties would meet to discuss the formalities of the divorce proceedings. Their marriage in 1948 was publicized by the press as a modern "Prince Charming and Cinderella" romance.—France-Press.

30 Days For Beating Ex-Wife

Santa Ana, Calif., Jan. 8.

The millionaire sugar heir, Adolph Spreckels II, was sentenced to 30 days in jail today on charges of beating his ex-wife, actress Kay Williams.

The Superior Court Judge, Robert Gardner, denied a probation request and any stay of execution.

He said a fine "would not be adequate" in Spreckels' case and he told the millionaire he would be treated as any other prisoner "despite your wealth."

Miss Williams, who brought charges against Spreckels after she was beaten with her own shoe, was not in Court.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1
Trade Wind
Dreadnought
May Blossom
Outsider:—V-J Day.

RACE 2
Glorious
Field Marshal
Hellzapoppin
Outsider:—Beautiful Lie.

RACE 3
Bonita
Icefield
Squadron Leader
Outsider:—Picasso.

RACE 4
Precious Mine
How Do I Know
Same Again
Outsider:—Star-Glo.

RACE 5
Amarant
Easy Money
Supreme Command
Outsider:—Lake Success.

RACE 6
Eudora
Henrietta
Mourne
Outsider:—Rider's Wish.

RACE 7
Free Kick
Ben Ledi
The Stranger
Outsider:—Geronimo.

RACE 8
Moonrush
The Tigress
Scuba
Outsider:—Ben Lawers.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1
Dreadnought
Trade Wind
Rowan Glen
Outsider:—High Step.

RACE 2
Glorious
Potentially
Golden Dahlia
Outsider:—Field Marshal.

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Outsider:—Lake Success.

RACE 6
Eudora
Speedy Roger
Rider's Wish
Outsider:—Many Returns.

RACE 7
Geronimo
Ben Ledi
United Victory
Outsider:—Hongkong Stutze.

RACE 8
Moonrush
Citation
Scuba
Outsider:—Prairie Moon.

Union Chief Indicted

New York, Jan. 8.

Joseph P. Ryan, 69, former President of the International Longshoremen's Union, was indicted today by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Act.

Ryan was accused of an act in violation of a provision of the Act making it unlawful for a union leader to accept money from management. There were three counts to the indictment against Ryan.

Ryan, who is awaiting trial on other charges that he looted his union's treasury, apparently was at home when the Federal indictment was returned today. A woman who answered the phone said that he was asleep and she declined to awaken him for comment.

Ryan and six other men are scheduled to appear in the Federal Court next Tuesday to plead to the charges. The indictments resulted from an intensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New York Office and representatives of US Attorney J. Edward Lumbard.

The conspiracy indictment against the six others charged that they extorted more than \$30,000 from the American Sugar Refining Company from April, 1951, until recently.—United Press.

Fate's Part In Plane Disaster

Barnstead, Herts, Jan. 8.

The 18 airmen—most of them members of a Rugby football team—who were killed when their Vickers transport crashed in Hertfordshire on Wednesday night, travelled on the ill-fated plane through a last minute change of plan.

This was revealed at an inquest here today. The men, from Thorney Island Navigational School, Portsmouth, were to have flown to Hulton in Buckinghamshire in five small Anson planes. But as the weather made it impossible for the Ansons to land, they were diverted to the nearby airport which could provide a larger plane.

The crash occurred soon after they had taken off on their way home. The inquest was adjourned until February 1.—Reuter.



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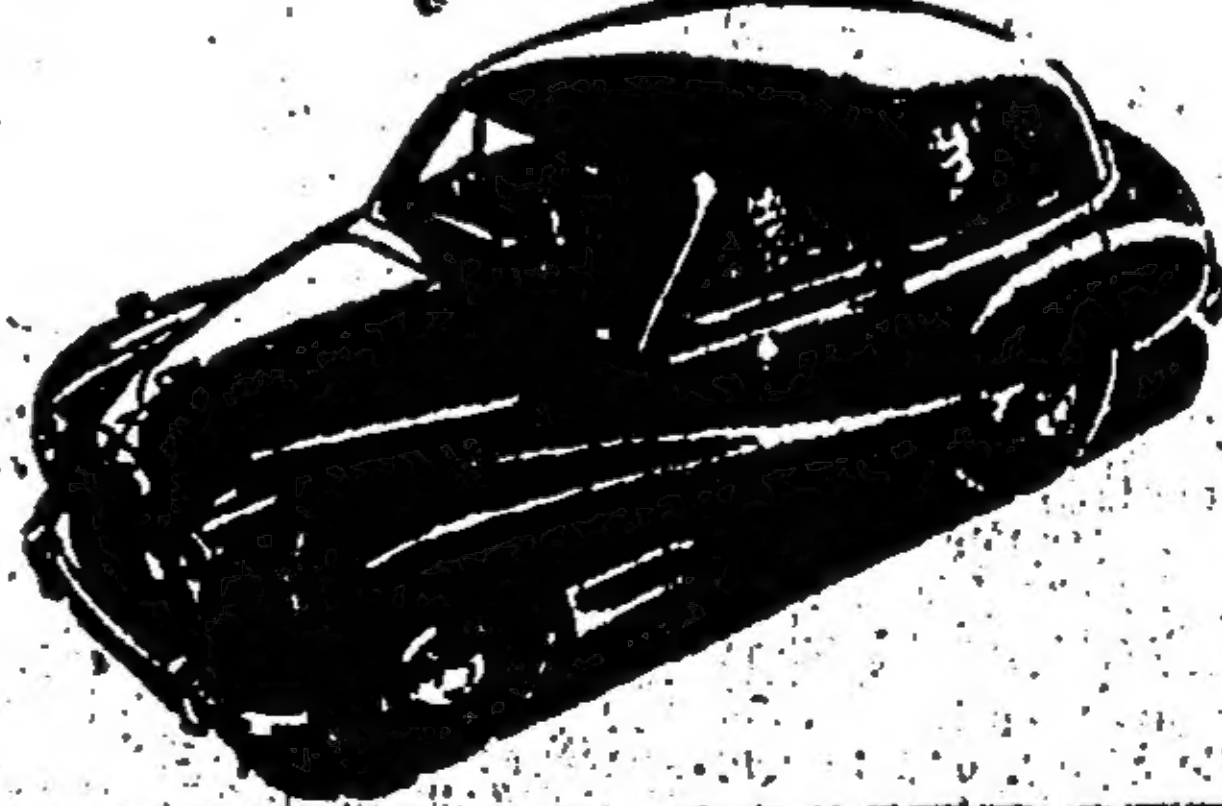
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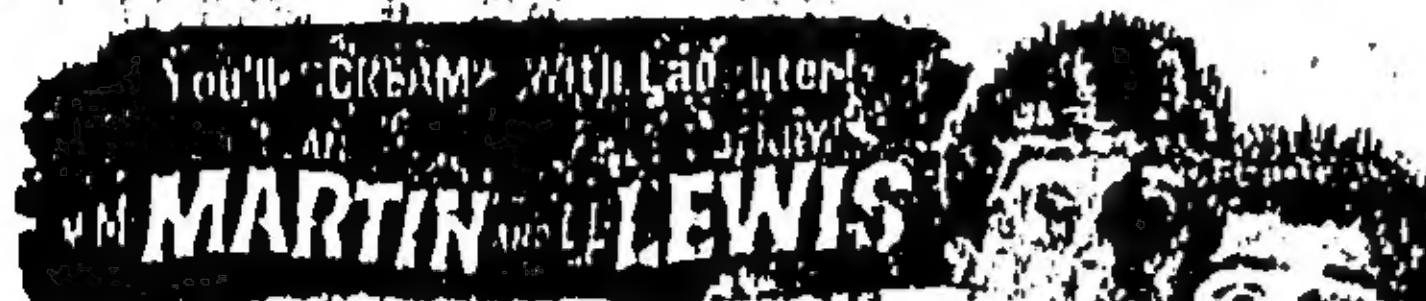
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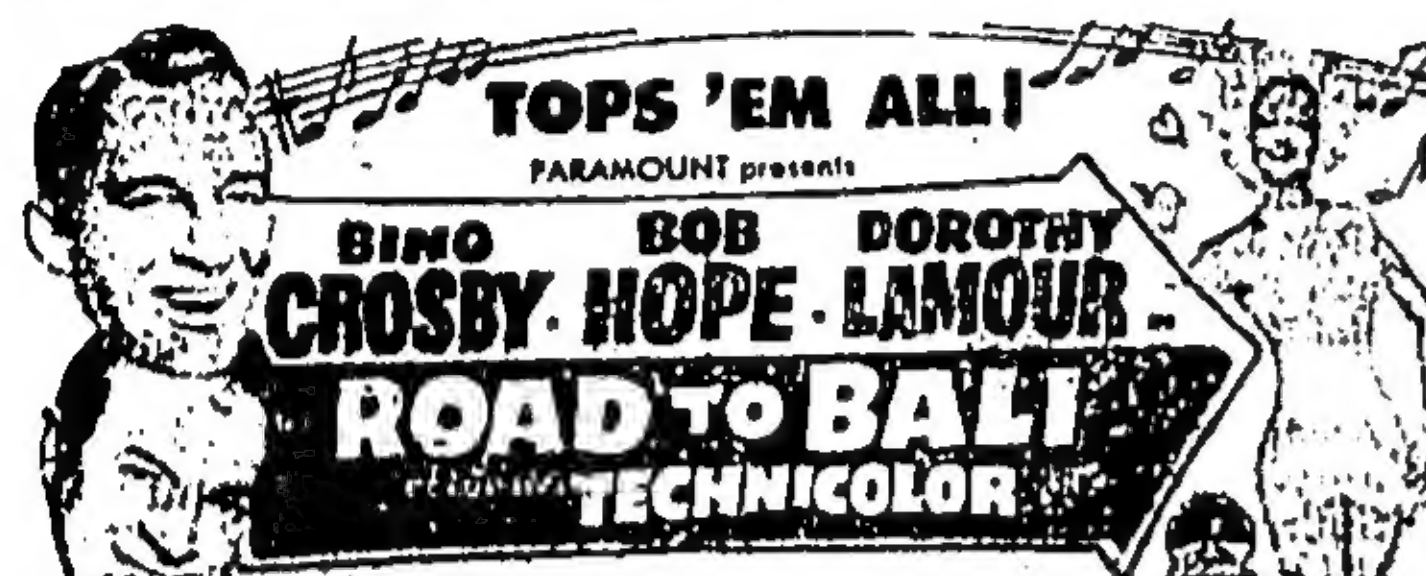
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Interesting News Stories From All Parts Of The World

A "Soft Explosive Watch" Is Mystical Painter's Latest Work

Paris.

Salvador Dali, self-styled "nuclear mystical" painter left for the United States with his latest work "a soft explosive watch" which represents a watch exploding into 88 different parts.

More than 20 years ago Dali created a sensation in New York with his painting "soft watches" showing a whole series of watches dangling down from a tree branch.

"It is the same theme I took up again now but this time my soft watch will be explosive so that it is adapted to our present age," he told the United Press.

But Dali mostly talked about another painting he has just completed and which "is the masterpiece I promised to paint more than 12 years ago."

It is the painting of a "hyper-cubic Christ" which also explodes into 88 different parts. Dali said he would exhibit it for the first time in Rome, in an exhibition which he plans to make bigger than the one currently held there by his compatriot Pablo Picasso.

"My Rome exhibition will be much bigger than the one Picasso is presently holding there and it will be my answer to Picasso," he said.

"PICASSO IS LIKE ME"

"Picasso, like me is a genius but he is a destructive genius. He is a Spaniard, so am I. He is a Communist, I am not. Rome thus will have the joy of seeing two exhibitions by two Spanish genius but diametrically opposed."

The seven-inch mustachioed Spanish painter said his Rome exhibition will also include the 102 illustrations of Dali's Divine Comedy which the Italian government asked him to do. Another item exhibited will be a huge crystal cake engraved with precious diamonds which will give the impression of exploding. The object will be surrounded by a "magical" apple which will disappear whenever someone tries to grab it.

Dali and his long-time friend Chilean multi-millionaire Arturo Lopez have worked on this cake for several months. Dali, whose "atomic virgin" astonished the world last year, explained his "Hypercubic Christ" was an improvement on the "Atomic Virgin" because he painted it after he perfected his nuclear physics knowledge. The "Virgin" only gave the impression of exploding whereas the "Christ" actually does.

THE MESSAGE

The message he was trying to get across with his "Christ" was that the Lord filled the whole universe just as the 88 separate parts fill the whole canvas. His exploding watch on the other hand expressed Dali's contention that the notion of time, as illustrated by the arms of a clock, does not exist.

Dali is a convinced admirer of the renaissance age. "The means of explosion, whether in painting or in writing, reached a perfection that can never be surpassed," he said. "I am the only realist painter seeking to link the great art of the Renaissance and the science of modern ages. I am certainly the world's most cultivated painter, especially as far as sciences are concerned."

"Most of today's painters know nothing about science. We are in an age of total decadence in every field except in science. If I compare my works to those of the ancient conventional ones I do not like them, but if I compare them to the works of my contemporaries, I greatly admire them," he said.—United Press.

The top dish was breast of wild mallard duck, served on top of pastry spread with liver paste. On the side was a potato carved in the shape of a Dutch wooden shoe and endives topped with mushroom sauce. The duck cut tough but chewed tender and the red burgundy wine was excellent.

Walters next paraded in with silver bowls of large, fresh strawberries soaked in brandy and carried on illuminated blocks of ice. A feather-light piece of cake, first whipped up in the province of Savoy, and champagne completed dessert.

The traditional French half-cup of coffee, assorted liquors and candy topped off the dinner that was prepared by chef Edmond C. Johnson and a half-dozen assistants.

At 2:35 setting, such three-hour meals probably won't catch on among America's labouring class—unless the price of steak goes up again.—United Press.

To Pay More For Haircuts

London. Britain's National Hairdressers' Federation has decided to raise the standard price of haircuts in this country three-pence to an average one shilling ninepence.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"One minute Mom tells us to be neat and feminine—then she gives us some dirty drudgery like cleaning our rooms!"

NO PEPPER FOR PRISONERS

Toronto. Prisoners don't get pepper with their meals, a legislative committee on reform institutions learned for fear they'll use it on their guards as well as on their meals.

W. J. Stewart, P.C., Toronto-Parkdale, reported after the committee toured jails in Lindsay and Peterborough that prisoners complained about the lack of seasoning with their meals and said they were not permitted to have salt and pepper shakers in their cells.

Deputy Reform Minister Hodley Basher explained that experience has shown the pepper is sometimes thrown in the eyes of guards.

"We have to be cautious about handling pepper in the jails," Basher said. "Only yesterday we found some in the cell of a long-term prisoner at the Don."

"There is no doubt it was there for some purpose other than flavouring food."

Basher told the committee the Lindsay jail governor, who has been there 31 years, gets a salary of \$2,240 and his wife, who holds a 24-hour job as matron, gets \$600 a year. The Governor also gets a free house with fuel, light and heat supplied.

The Peterborough Governor is paid \$3,040 plus quarters, he said. He added the discrepancy in wages was result of different contributions by county councils.—United Press.

Jetplanes Upset Homing Pigeons

Hof, Germany.

Here's a sad fact of this age of super-sonic jet flight: The noise of jetplanes throws the "radar" equipment which enables homing pigeons to fly back to their home roost completely out of gear.

British Shoes Popular

Ottawa. Britain will sell more shoes in Canada this year than ever before. By the end of the year, according to the United Kingdom Information Office, nearly 1,300,000 pairs worth about \$3,275,000 will have been sold.

Up to the end of September, some 965,000 pairs worth \$2,470,000 had been sent to Canada. Last year's totals for the same period were 810,000 pairs valued at \$2,280,000.

The United Kingdom is the world's largest exporter of footwear.—United Press.

Sportsmanlike Speeding Driver

El Paso, Texas. A highway patrolman today thanked the driver of a jazzed-up car for being a "sportsman" and stopping to get a ticket for speeding.

Bill Moore, a Texas highway patrolman, said he clocked racing driver Royal Russell, 24, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, at 93 miles per hour over a 65-mile-an-hour highway zone. "The only reason he was caught was because he was a sportsman enough to stop when he saw the patrol car blinker lights," Moore said.

Russell, who said his car would do 136 miles per hour, paid a \$25 fine for speeding.—United Press.

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Neil Brady-Brownne claimed he has the only "true Canadian" car. It began its long career 8 years ago and now is worth between \$5,000 and \$6,000 as an antique.

Brady-Brownne is the proud owner of a panini and huffin Brooks steamer.

The lumbering steam-powered auto has to have its boiler turned up by a built-in blow torch when the weather gets a bit nippy and parts are almost as rare as hen's teeth.

Neil, a mechanically minded young man, came by the old Brooks in an expensive way. He happened upon it while passing through the Fraser Valley town of Abbotsford. For the love of seeing the old relic in running condition again, Neil bought it from its owner and has been restoring it ever since. The purchase price was \$1,000.

According to all that Neil can and out about the car's history, it was built in either Walkerville or Stratford, Ontario in 1925.

Original price probably was \$4,000 and the engine alone was quoted at \$400. It had full electrical equipment and came from the factory complete with motor seats.

The young stationary engineer said his car can do all of 30 miles per hour and runs about 15 miles to the gallon of gas.—United Press.

Interesting Court Ruling

Vienna.

A Vienna court of appeals has ruled that a prostitute can be convicted of "interference in a marriage" if she knows her customer is a married man.

The ruling stemmed from a case in which a housewife filed a complaint against a prostitute for "interfering" in her marriage.

The prostitute told the judge she "could hardly be expected" to ask her customers whether or not they were married. The judge agreed and acquitted her, but the wife appealed the case—and won.

The appeals court said it had been established that the customer was married. And that the prostitute therefore should have refused him. The prostitute received a sentence of three weeks in jail, but the court suspended it.—United Press.

Woman Acts As "Kiss-Killer"

Liverpool.

Eunice Spencer, blonde, 24, is the "Kiss-Killer" at one of Liverpool's disco halls. "If I see anyone kissing or dancing too close, I tap them on the shoulder and say: 'Please... we don't allow that,' she explained.

"A man could be the job here," he said. "There's no room for a man here."—United Press.

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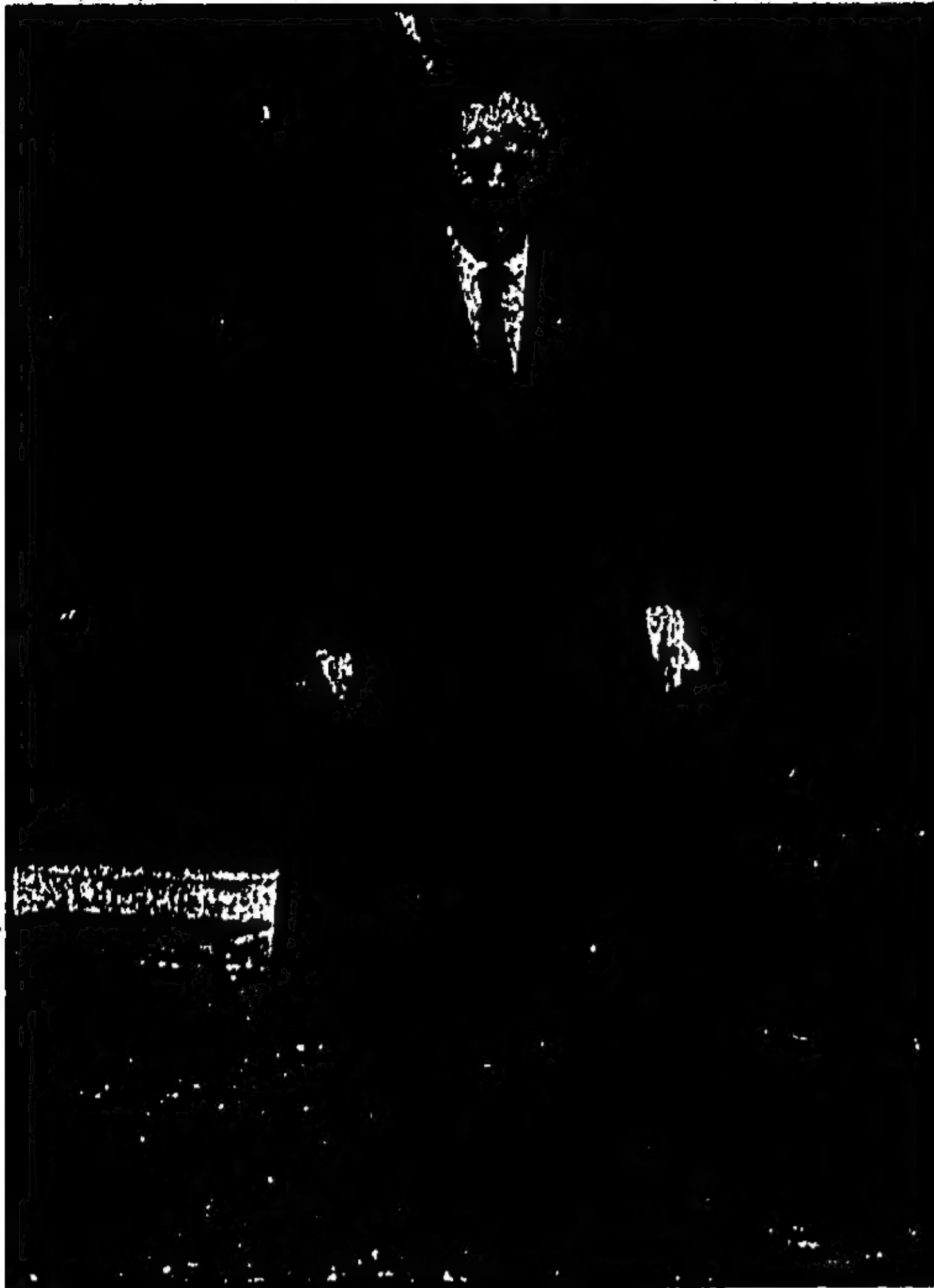
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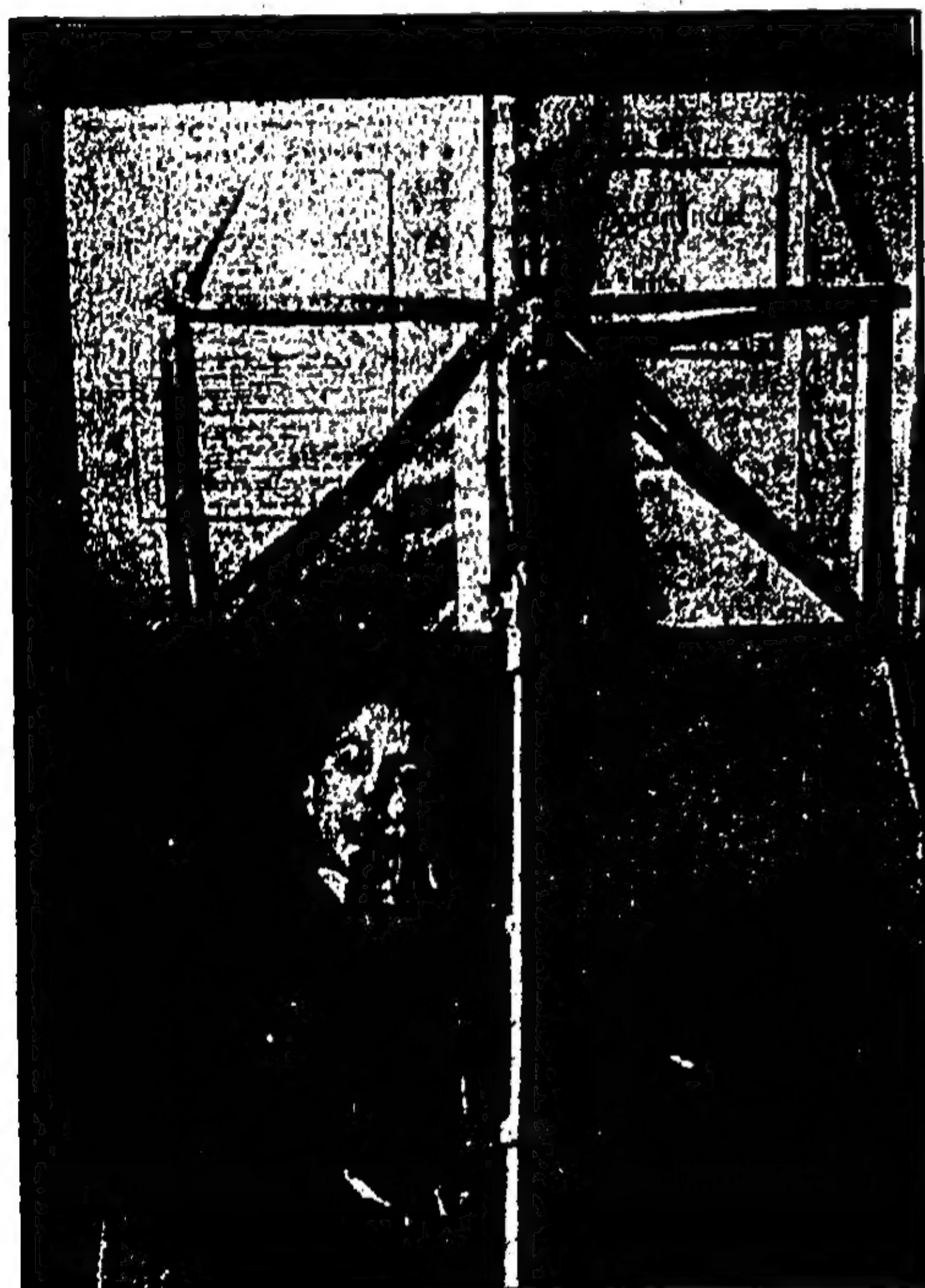
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HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



SIMON ELWES, 51, whose portraits of the Queen and Princess Margaret have made him the most discussed painter of the day. He is pictured leaving the Church of Our Lady, Lissengrove, London, on Christmas Day, after a six weeks' rest following overwork. He is to paint the portrait of President Eisenhower in March. (Express)



THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Jonny Jones, of Doncaster, played the trombone in the National Youth Orchestra, and wore his first pair of long trousers for the occasion. Said he before the concert: "I'm a bit nervous, but I'd have been worse in shorts." (Express)



MR. A. C. Griffin, the new Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London, dressed in his watchcoat, lights the lantern before the ceremony of the keys. Mr. Griffin, aged 55, was born in Capetown, and served 27 years in the Royal Corps of Signals. (Central)



LT-GEN. Sir Dudley Ward, Deputy Chief of the Imperial General Staff, took the salute at the eighth passing-out parade of the Women's Royal Army Corps cadets at the School of Instruction, Hindhead. He is seen inspecting the parade. (Army News)



THE Earl of Wharnclyffe, 18-year-old peer who succeeded his father to the Wortley estate in May last, relaxes at his home, Carlton House, while on 14 days' leave from the Royal Navy destroyer Alsne, in which he is doing his National Service. (Express)



ZENA MARSHALL, pictured above, is a "dream girl" in the new film, "Three Cases of Murder." She appears in a dream sequence with Orson Welles playing the part of Lord Mountdrago, and does an energetic rhumba with him. Zena, who is 28, was born in Kenya but was educated in Europe. She escaped from France when the Germans invaded in World War II. (Renterphoto)



THE new Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, William Godfrey, is greeted by Bishop Halsall as he arrives at Lime Street Station, Liverpool. The Archbishop succeeds Archbishop Downey, who died early last year. (Express)



LADY Hartog (left) says goodbye in Indonesian style to Madame Subandrio, wife of the Indonesian Ambassador in London, when she left the reception given to mark the 25th anniversary of the Indonesian Women's Congress. (Express)



FILM star Robert Newton is in England for the first time since 1951. He says he has now become a real family man. The thrice-married Newton is here seen feeding his eight weeks' old son, Kim. (Express)



A benign Mother Nature bedecked the English countryside this last Christmas with Spring flowers instead of frost and snow. This charming picture, more reminiscent of Easter than Christmas, shows 18-year-old Barbara Ball gathering Sol d'ors at St Mary's, in the Scilly Isles.

NANCY

In The (Big) Doghouse.

By Ernie Bushmiller



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NOW GILES IS JOINING IN

Anne Edwards and Drusilla Beyfus

invited cartoonist Giles to start off the year with a comment on the topic that fascinates every woman: *Which is the Tiresome Age?*

Giles has a theory about it. You're always at the tiresome age to your friends. Look at his picture analysis of the Eight Ages of Womanhood. He starts at seven and works through to 87. And the moral is that each age is just as tiresome in a different way as the one before.



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"SHE'S 17—she's always in tears over some man."



"SHE'S 27—she thinks she's a food of experience."



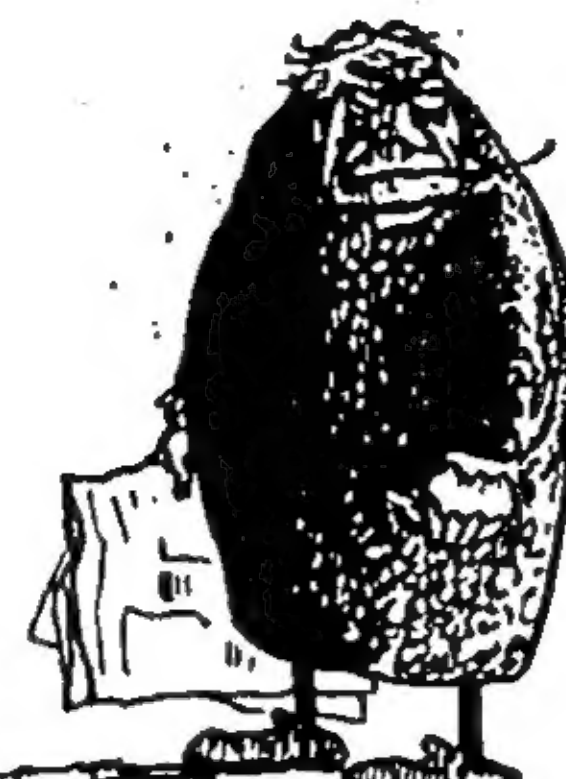
"SHE'S 37—she talks of nothing but the children."



"SHE'S 47—she simply won't grow old gracefully."



"SHE'S 57—she insists she's lonely and unwanted."



"SHE'S 67—she grows at our guests."



"SHE'S 87—she simply won't do what she's told."

THE MAN WHO REALLY MAKES THEM MAD...

IT WAS said of an American President that he was the first known case of a bull to take a china shop around with him.

Left-wing professional reformers at Westminster would give much for the copyright of that insult. They would like to hurl it hard across the gangway at the head of Oliver Lyttelton.

Admittedly, the man who answers for Colonial policy makes a provoking target. Look at the last example.

He suspects a Red coup. He forestalls it with a coup of his own. At once his political enemies pounce with charges of dictatorship and bad faith. But his courage earns him support among many who are ever-vigilant against encroachments on liberty.

Then suddenly he dismisses his defenders with an act of high-handedness. He excludes a Communist reporter from the trouble spot. And thereby he invites doubt and suspicion for the motives of the whole operation.

No wonder Mr Lyttelton has no challengers as the Government's most controversial Minister.

Negotiator

Of course, the overriding role of a Colonial Secretary is to initiate and inspire bold schemes of economic development. By that test, Lyttelton regrettably falls short.

But throughout the succession of storms that has fallen on him—terror in Malaya, the Mau Mau in Kenya, federation in Central Africa, and the Guiana coup—Lyttelton has never wavered. He has shown what can be accomplished by resolution.

There are those who say that some of the storms are of his own making. Certainly, more skill in the turn of a phrase would lighten his burdens.

The federation scheme, for example, could have been launched in a happier atmosphere had he treated the deputation of Nyasaland chiefs less, as they thought, "brusquely."

But it would be a false picture of the man to paint him as consistently heavy-handed. On the contrary, his skill in negotiation has earned him what is often the truest measure of a man—admiration in unexpected quarters.

Of his African federation scheme a prominent and plain-spoken trade unionist privately declared:

"I've known Oliver Lyttelton a long time, and if he says it's all right for the tigers then it's all right for them."

Mr. Lee's surprising testimony was given recently at a London meeting by the Nigerian leader, Dr. Asiwaju.

He contrasted the Colonial Secretary's helpfulness with the

obstruction of a Socialist predecessor, Mr Arthur Creech Jones.

And he added: "I came here with prejudice against this 'old Tory.' Now I pay him tribute."

Lyttelton's policies are attacked by turns as weak, tough, hasty, belated. He is depicted variously as frivolous, ponderous, blunt, evasive. His foes pronounce him an ogre, his friends a charmer.

The truth about him is that he is a man of contradictions about whom surprisingly little is known by the public. Choose your fragments and you can build for him whatever character suits your purpose.

As every good Socialist knows, Oliver Lyttelton's career was made in Big Business. When

Lyttelton showed such a grasp of the corporation's affairs that within a few years of joining in a junior capacity he became managing director.

He was then only 30, and his achievement ranks as perhaps the most remarkable of his career. For, as far as it is possible for a man of his birth and background to do so, he had started from scratch.

His abilities had earlier been glimpsed as a soldier. He had gone into the Army straight from Cambridge when World War I began.

As an officer of the Grenadier Guards he won three mentions in despatches, an M.C., and a D.S.O. which was conferred immediately in the trenches.

by Harry Fieldhouse

Churchill lured him into politics in 1940 he came straight from the City to the Treasury Bench (as President of the Board of Trade).

And when the Socialists came to power he went straight back to the City. He tumbled into the chairmanship of the biggest electrical engineering combine in Europe, Associated Electrical Industries, known to the public through such names as Edison Swan, British Thomson-Houston, Metropolitan Vickers.

What many good Socialists do not know is that Lyttelton's City career, was a striking departure from tradition. For he comes from a family of bishops, headmasters, and politicians.

After father

HIS father was in the political stream. He held office as a Liberal Unionist in Balfour's Tory Government. And he held the very portfolio now in the keeping of his son—Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Oliver's uncle, Dr Edward Lyttelton, was in the scholastic stream. He was headmaster of Eton in the early 1900's—and among his pupils was his nephew.

The ecclesiastical stream had a representative in another uncle, Arthur Temple Lyttelton, Bishop of Southampton in late Victorian times.

Oliver Lyttelton broke with all this. At Cambridge he studied law, taking first-class honours. But when he launched into a career he went into merchant banking, with Brown, Shipley. He stayed only long enough to gain a business grounding. Then he moved to the new British Metal Corporation, at that time expanding rapidly.

This firm, with official encouragement, got away to a fast start. In the years after World War I, capturing business with Allied countries anxious to escape dependence on German sources for metals like tin, zinc, and copper.

The bare outline of his career thus supplies material for depicting Lyttelton as a son of privilege, a ruthless money-maker, or a soldier in civvies.

But there is a fourth character. It is the intellectual Lyttelton, patron of the arts. For he sustains a keen interest in French literature and British opera. In a literary review a couple of years ago he wrote on de Vigny, the French poet. He is president of the British Opera Group and is believed to have been a backer of Benjamin Britten.

The serious Lyttelton, an intellectual turned to finance, is probably the real Lyttelton. When he astounded the London School of Economics by denouncing economic planning as a "great big bit of bolony" it was

not, as many supposed, a blunt business man's verdict. It was an intellectual conclusion.

But there is a streak of fun in Lyttelton. So he likes to puzzle visitors. To the high-brow he will amuse himself by doggedly talking cricket.

To the earnest political observer he will act the plain man of business. Lyttelton, by the way, is pretty good at conveying these impressions. He is an excellent mimic. He does a lively imitation of Lord Woolton. He also takes off, from family hearsay, his great-uncle Gladstone, whose oratory was marked by a Liverpool accent.

His distinguished family relations were continued by his marriage. His wife was Lady Morna Godolphin Osborne, a daughter of the 10th Duke of Leeds. They have two sons (a third was killed in action) and a daughter.

Golf provides his main exercise (he was a blue at Cambridge). He also goes shooting.

From time to time Lyttelton is rumoured to be about to return to the City. When the Tories were in Opposition the rumour was that Lyttelton had decided never to leave the City.

THE fact is that the financial attractions of the City, where his salary as boss of A.E.I. was reckoned to be £12,500 a year plus a house and a car, make return a standing temptation.

But politics too have attractions. And those who contend that Lyttelton remains only to oblige Churchill forget that he is also devoted to Anthony Eden. So there is little reason to expect that a change of leadership would set a term to his parliamentary sojourn.

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OLIVER LYTTELTON
A streak of fun.

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And both are equally unreliable.

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MAYBE CHARLIE WILL LEND YOU HIS POGO STICK

By Les Armour

THE year ran out too fast for the local committees and parish pundits who were busy deciding who was to be "Small-Puddle-On-Sea's Man of the Year," "World Citizen, 1953" and "The Year's Most Outstanding Contributor to Bookmaking."

Before they complete their deliberations, we should like to slide in with a candidate of our own.

No half measures here. We propose ours as "Humanity's Greatest Benefactor, 1953."

And he is not Sir Winston Churchill, George Malenkov, or any of the patent medicine kings.

Ours is Mad Charley Macoy.

Charley, in fact, is literally hopping mad. Only a few days ago he completed 12,000 non-stop hops on a Pogo stick. This is no mean feat.

A Pogo stick is a hollow metal sprung tube with two foot rests.

Moreover, while scores of children skipped to his tune, he hopped through Crowborough, Sussex, singing "Charley boy is slightly mad, Charley boy is crazy, Charley boy is hopping mad, that's poor Charley Macoy."

Nor does this exhaust the list of his accomplishments. Once he walked 16 miles from Crowborough to Lewes prison. He notes modestly that they should have kept him there.

He did it backwards. He also holds the world's record for non-stop golfing. He completed 12 rounds in one day—in 948 shots—an average of 79. He wore a steel helmet. The Germans were shelling the course.

Another time, he played golf through the middle of Aberdare Forest—a distance of eight miles.

How come? Charley thinks there are too many sane people in the world. He says it's about time people started doing things just for the sheer hell of it. So, when he gets tired of being a golf pro at the Boscon Club in Crowborough, he does "the craziest thing I can think of."

So, if you're thinking of going out to conquer the world, give Charley a call. Maybe he'll lend you his Pogo stick.

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Audrey Hepburn: The Golden Girl Of Stage And Screen

By LOGAN GOURLAY

THE dignified Baron Aernoud van Heemstra summoned his daughter Ellen to the library of the fine old country house in Holland to administer some parental advice.

It included the following: "Whatever you do don't associate with the stage or with actors and actresses. You'd bring disgrace on the family."

The baron, ex-Governor of the Dutch colony of Surinam and a well-known figure at the court of Queen Wilhelmina, reminded daughter Ellen that their ancestors had occupied positions of honour as statesmen and soldiers since the 12th century.

More than 30 years have passed since that interview in the library. Today, daughter Ellen, as the grey-haired Baroness van Heemstra, has this to say:

"I tried to obey my father. But I grew up wanting more than anything else to be—English, slim, and an actress." She has partly succeeded. She has made her home in England since 1948, and she speaks English perfectly. She has, too, a slim, unassuming figure, become an actress—but she is the mother of Audrey Hepburn, newest Golden Girl of stage and screen.

It is the usual story, of course—mother, as frustrated actress, realises her ambitions through her daughter.

But—fortunately for daughter and everyone associated with her career—the baroness is not the usual dominating, interfering, inauspiciously possessive stage mother.

'God-given'

SHE could be forgiven for exhibiting fierce pride in a daughter who, within three years, has leaped from obscurity in the chorus to international stardom.

But she told me last week: "I can really take no credit for any talent Audrey may have. It's real talent, it's God-given. I might as well be proud of a blue sky, or the paintings in the Flemish exhibition at the Royal Academy."

It is, I must comment, a remark of unusual objectivity. But it can be explained.

The baroness is an intelligent, sensitive woman, afraid of committing the worst excesses of the stage mother. To avoid them, she rushes to the other extreme, hiding her maternal pride.

But not entirely. It is significant that there are more pictures of Audrey in their London flat than of Flemish masters. In fact, pictures of Audrey at every stage of her career dominate the decor.

However, it is also significant that the name plate on the red door of the flat, which is a permanent base for Audrey and her mother, displays the name Hepburn below Heemstra.

For even if the baroness has failed to obey her father com-

pletely, and even if she has become partly anglicised, she has retained a full measure of family pride—and she does not try to conceal that. The Baroness Ellen van Heemstra will never be known simply as the mother of Audrey Hepburn—which is as it should be. But she will be associated with the stage or with actors and actresses. You'd bring disgrace on the family."

Natural

THE baroness was given early signs that her daughter was destined to be some kind of performer.

"I remember," she told me, "when Audrey was only three I took her to an afternoon band concert when we were visiting Folkestone. She disappeared from my side. I found her on the other side of the bandstand, dancing up and down in time to the music, with a small audience collected round her."

"But she did that kind of thing without any prompting from me or other adults. It was spontaneous and natural, so she didn't appear to be one of those awful little prodigies."

Among Audrey's childhood audiences were her two older half-brothers, with whom she was brought up.

They are now settled in the Dutch East Indies, in touch with their famous sister only by correspondence.

She was the only child of her mother's second marriage, which ended in separation and divorce before Audrey was ten.

Tough life

HER father, J. A. Hepburn-Ruston, was an English businessman. Audrey herself remembers little about him, except that he was fond of horses.

Her mother said last week: "I don't know where he is now. We haven't been in touch for years."

She has taken the father's as well as the mother's role in the development of Audrey, and they have seldom been separated for more than a few months. But because, unlike the clutching trade union of stage mothers, she has no trick to monopolise her daughter completely, she has kept her affection and respect.

Life was tough and earnest for them when they came to London in 1948 after the bitter war years in Holland.

To supplement Audrey's chorus girl's wages (around £8 a week) her mother took a job managing the block of Mayfair flats where they now have their own name-plate.

She doesn't admit it now, but she must have been disappointed when Audrey turned down her first opportunity to star in a film at a salary that would have lifted their standard of living.

The opportunity came after she had been appearing in Cecil London's West End revue *Sauve Piquante*.

Robert Leonard, casting director of Associated British Picture Corporation, had noticed her in

the revue, and recommended her to producer-director Marlo Zamp, who was preparing a new film *Laughter in Paradise*.

Zamp was so entranced by Audrey Hepburn he offered her a starring role in the film though she had no experience before the cameras.

But she replied: "I'm sorry, I've just signed to do a short tour in a show. I can't break the contract. It wouldn't be fair."

Audrey may also have been influenced by the fact that the cast of the show included Marcel Le Bon, the young Frenchman with whom she had the first recorded romance.

If so it would be the first and only known occasion that the dedicated Audrey has been unfaithful to her career by missing an opportunity.

But three weeks later she went back to Zamp asking if she could still accept his offer. She was now late. Another actress had been found. All that was left was a small part as a cigarette girl. She accepted.

And it was this part which led directly to her choice, by Hollywood's Paramount studios, as the star of *Roman Holiday*, the film which brought her sudden fame.

Interested

HERE is an extract from a letter dated July 9, 1951, written by Richard Mealand, Paramount's London production boss, to his New York office:

"I have another candidate for *Roman Holiday*—Audrey Hepburn. I was struck by her playing of a part in *Laughter in Paradise*."

New York answered: "Please arrange report and photographs of actress Audrey Hepburn. They were still interested, of course, in other candidates, and they added: 'Is French actress Colette Herbert practical possibility?'"

Mealand sent his report on candidate Hepburn stating:

"She is 22 years old, 5ft. 5½ in. in height, darkish brown hair. She is a little on the thin side but very appealing. There is no question of her ability and she dances very well. Her speaking voice is clear and youthful with no extremes of accent. She looks more Continental than English."

The reply said: "Studio very interested. Hepburn. Anxious to see her soonest on film."

Their interest increased, and, within a few days, they sent this message: "Ask Hepburn if O.K. change her last name to avoid conflict Katharine Hepburn."

Audrey Hepburn replied: "Decidedly not. If you want me, you'll have to take the name too."

'Fine test'

PARAMOUNT, however, would not decide definitely if they wanted her until they saw her film test.

An inter-office memo, sent from London to New York saying: "Test arranged Pinewood Studios, September 18, 1951. Thorold Dickinson directing."

Other players—Lionel Murton and Cathleen Nesbitt. Two scenes from *Roman Holiday*, script and an interview."

The test was sent to America, and back came this cable immediately: "Congratulations line test Hepburn. All here, including Melick, think her great."

The cable was followed by a letter. Under the heading "Audrey Hepburn," underlined in red, it said:

"Exercise the option on this lady. The test is certainly one of the best ever made in Hollywood, New York or London. . . . Hearty congratulations on behalf of Paramount—New York and Hollywood. This includes Balaban Freeman and Hartman."

(Moses Balaban Freeman and Hartman are Paramount's three top production executives.)

The Hepburn file, which I quote by permission of Paramount's London office, ends with a personal note from the subject herself to Richard Mealand. It includes these words in her broad scrawl:

"Heaven help me live up to all this."

We know now that she did live up to it. All in *Roman Holiday*. But what of the future?

She has told me herself: "It's the second big film which will prove if I was really worthy of the first."

The second, *Sabrina Fair* co-starring Humphrey Bogart is now completed, and within a few months we will be able to apply her own test of worthiness.

The next film will probably be made in Britain under an old contract signed with Associated British Picture Corporation after she had appeared in *Laughter in Paradise*.

Valuable

FOR A.B.P.C. it is an extremely valuable contract, which gives them her services for three films spread over three years—at a low salary, because it was drawn up before *Roman Holiday* made her the Golden Girl.

The A.B.P.C. chiefs now say generously: "Of course we will give her a higher salary in keeping with her new status."

They could have claimed her for a film before *Sabrina Fair* the second Paramount film. And they could have claimed her now instead of giving permission for her New York stage appearance in *On Broadway*, which opens this month.

But they have waived their rights, knowing that each production should enhance her value as an international star.

In other words, they should benefit hugely from the prestige which other companies have helped to build. This I suppose is shrewd show business.

But I suspect that A.B.P.C. have also postponed their Hepburn film because they have not known what to do with her. Still they are, at the moment, being inundated with offers from Paramount and all the other Hollywood studios to buy

her contract, which they are steadfastly refusing—even for a handsome price.

Said their production chief, Scotsman Robert Clark, who is famed for a blunt honesty rare in Wardour Street: "We don't want to sell out for a quick profit. We're taking a lot of care to pick the right subject for Audrey Hepburn. When we find it, we'll forgo ahead."

His associates make it clear that they are confident they can make an outstandingly good Hepburn film.

But I must point out that, with one or two exceptions, like *Laughter in Paradise* and *The Yellow Balloon*, his studio's list of film credits in recent years is not encouraging.

It would be more than unfortunate if Audrey Hepburn were brought home from America at this shining stage of her career and dropped into the morass of mediocrity.

However, she has a faculty, shared by few actresses, for knowing what is good for her, and it is unlikely she would accept the wrong subject. It is also unlikely that A.B.P.C. would try to force her to.

This faculty includes a remarkable degree of self-criticism and self-assessment. She told me recently in Hollywood:

"I don't consider myself at all beautiful. I have few good features, if you take them one by one. Mother used to call me an ugly duckling."

(But mother has also admitted that her "ugly duckling," with her flashing eyes and smile, attracted attention wherever she went.)

Escape

AUDREY continued: "Since I can't depend on beauty I have to concentrate on learning to be a really good actress. But pretty soon I'll have to escape to refuge."

"Since I made 'Roman Holiday' in Italy I've wanted to go back to wander about just relaxing—and living."

"You can't act unless you've lived, and so far I haven't had very much time. I'll come back better equipped for what's ahead."

"Incidentally I often wonder what my ancestors would say if they could see me now in the forbidden profession."

It's my belief that even the bristling Baron Aernoud van Heemstra, if he were still alive, would forgive her.

THE END

It these four men succeed— BRITAIN WILL HAVE ALL THE BEEF SHE NEEDS

By ROBIN HUTCHEON

FOUR Cambridge University scientists are working on a project to expand Britain's beef cattle herds to the stage when the country will be entirely self-sufficient in beef production.

In other words, to the stage when exports from Australia, New Zealand and Argentina are no longer needed.

Just before I left England recently I visited the red-brick laboratory of the School of Agriculture, Cambridge, where Britain's leading agricultural physiologist, 68-year-old Dr. John Hammond (better-known as the "father of artificial insemination") told me about his work.

Pinpoints

Tall, grey-haired Dr. Hammond sat on a stool in his laboratory puffing his pipe. "Starting from the beginning the object briefly is this: by injecting hormone in prize cows before conception it has been found that instead of producing one fertilisable ovum, it can produce a number of ova—say 20, 30 or 40."

"These ova or eggs we allow to fertilise normally inside the cow, and then four days after conception, with a simple apparatus we've developed, we extract the eggs while they are still no bigger than pinpoints."

"What we have been trying to do is to transplant these fertilised eggs by injecting them into the uterus of other cows which act as 'incubators' while the eggs develop."

"If we could accomplish this successfully I think that with intense application over a period of years the possibilities are enormous."

"We would, for instance, fertilise large numbers of eggs from pedigree beef cattle and transplant them into

poorer quality dairy cows so that these eggs could develop within the incubator mothers. "These 'incubators' would eventually give birth to pedigree beef calves with all the characteristics of their original parents."

"It would therefore be possible over a period of years, and this is our aim, to build up Britain's beef cattle herds to the stage when the country would be entirely self-sufficient in beef production."

"But, as usual, there is a snag. It is an infection which the cow develops after the eggs have been transplanted, and so far in Britain it has not been possible to carry out successful transplantations."

"Some American scientists have obtained three calves from five eggs transplanted, but their technique involves a major operation on the cow which we are trying to avoid."

"There are other problems after we've found a solution to the first snag—one is to find out whether the 'fertilised' eggs can be preserved for a few days."

Possibilities

Doctor Hammond says there is no reason why the eggs should not be preserved. Similar transplanting operations have already been carried out with rabbits, and it was discovered that these eggs could be preserved for four days while they shipped from an experimental farm in the United States, across the Atlantic by plane, to Cambridge University by train.

"If we can preserve fertilised cow eggs in the same way, there are really tremendous possibilities ahead," said Dr. Hammond.

My head reeled as he went on: "It could perhaps mean this: We could take fertilised cow eggs from prize cattle and carry them in jet planes all over the world, and then

plant them into 'incubator' cows. "By using artificial insemination as well (it might be possible to have an incubator cow in Australia giving birth to a prize calf whose father was in South America and whose mother was in England."

"With intense application over a period of many years using these methods, it would be possible to raise to pedigree class every cow and bull in the world, and so it goes on—but it all hinges on a new method we are trying out."

"If we succeed the project will still require intense research for probably quite a few years."

Incubators

The British Government knows of Dr. Hammond's research and the vast possibilities inherent in its successful development. The Ministry of Agriculture has started a huge plan to develop British grasslands to support vast beef cattle herds.

There is no danger of this scheme reducing Britain's dairy cattle herds, says Doctor Hammond, (even though large numbers of poorer quality dairy cows will have to be used as 'incubators' for the beef cattle production), as these cows would never be used for breeding dairy cattle anyway.

The scheme to develop Britain's beef herds has already started by the artificial insemination of Friesians and Shorthorns cows with the semen of Hereford or Aberdeen Angus bulls, the cross, which is regarded as a good beef animal.

Anytime cows inseminated with semen of Hereford produce a cross which is less attractive as a beef animal. It is the poorer quality Jerseys and Guernseys which will therefore be the incubator mothers of Britain's beef cattle herds in the years to come.

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BERGERAC
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MONSIEUR BERGERAC GULPED

... I love you, he said

by HAROLD CONWAY

LONDON. JACQUES BERGERAC, suitably rugged-looking in blue jeans and tan leather jacket, took two steps forward, gulped once, and began to declaim.

"I'm in love with you," he informed Ginger Rogers, while the studio cameras turned. "I don't care about anything else—before I knew you. What's that to do with me?"

Hollywood director David Miller called a halt. "All right, Jacques," he said soothingly. "Now take it easy, will you? There's no need to be nervous—let's take it again, quietly, slowly. . . ."

Ginger Rogers stood quite still and said nothing. She wore a light summer dress, with her hair in a page-boy cut; transformed by the make-up department, she looked ten years younger than her actual age of 42.

At Shepperton Studio Miss Rogers was acting her first film scene with 26-year-old Jacques Bergerac, who is her third husband. For M. Bergerac the occasion was even more novel: it was his first day's acting in any film.

Obediently, he began again, "I'm in love with you . . . I only care about now—because I love you and can make you happy."

Miss Rogers glanced fleetingly at the director, who nodded in content. With relief she spoke her own line: "No, Pierre—no—don't go on. . . . Please go."

"I love you," vehemently insisted Pierre, a single-minded hero if ever there was one.

"Look at me and say you don't love me—and THEN tell me you want me to go!"

"Cut," said the director, and the cameras stopped. The star gave her leading man's hand an encouraging squeeze. Mr. Miller patted him on the back. The young Frenchman for whom Hollywood could not find a part—even as Ginger Rogers's husband—was now launched on a screen career in his own right. More or less. . . .

In the picture, called "Lifeline," Miss Rogers is playing an ex-actress who is kept in luxury on the Riviera by a suave and shady drug racketeer. M. Bergerac is a young sculptor with whom, says the script, "she has an instant affinity of heart and mind."

Ginger Rogers chose the story, has invested some of her savings in the production. For the past week Jacques Bergerac, though not required on the set, had been standing by with his eyes fixed on Miss Rogers's every action.

"It was good preparation for my own performance," he told me. "I find Ginge's acting such an inspiration."

They have left the West End hotel where a suite was booked for them on their arrival three weeks ago; are staying quietly in Surrey. To be nearer the studio—and, possibly, to allow the new star some undisturbed coaching in his part? The star's wife will not say.

"I am just an actress in a new picture doing what the director tells me to do. All the performers must do. What opinions I may express to my husband outside the studio, or he to me, would be entirely personal and unofficial," says Ginge.

FOOTNOTE—One important member of the "Lifeline" set-up has remained in Hollywood—to my regret, as I should have liked to meet him. He is part-author of the original story; his name is Rip Van Ronk.



GINGER ROGERS
She puts up some of the money.

YOUTH GOES 'COUNTY'

By Yorke Henderson

LONDON. FROM Land's End to John o'Groats mark well the uniform of defiance!

Around pubs and playing fields you'll see it. You glimpse it as a sports car bumbles past.

It varies but little. The theme is "County." The Tweed of corduroy cap snuggled well down over the eyes; drablinde cavalry-twill trousers topped suede ankle-boots; monstrously-pocked hacking jackets, flareskirted and vented. The whole smacking of Edwardian stable-yards.

You ask why the youth of Britain's stolid middle-class should delve back fifty years for a clothes style?

Well, not because it's more comfortable. Not even because it's flattering.

No. The real answer is this. It is a subconscious gesture of defiance. A healthy nose-thumping at an age of drapeshapes, polychromatic neckwear and production-line living.

In Rebellion

For the young men who sport it are in rebellion. Since, however, they're too "healthy-minded" to indulge in anything as introvert as psycho-analysis, it's most unlikely they would admit as much.

But let's suppose for a moment one of them could be lured into a psychiatrist's consulting room. Expert probing would probably show that his subconscious took a nasty knock when his quizzing a Spitfire, commanding a tank or helping to run a submarine.

The British he knew had changed drastically. Hollywood, Mr. Raymond Chandler and the United States Army between them had managed to rob a whole generation of young Britons of nearly all their national character.

The G.I. invasion had left in its wake a generation too heady to jeer "county" at anything British; whose sartorial paragon was Frankie Lane.

So our young man subconsciously cast around for the most British things he could find. And he found what he was looking for in the stronghold of British conservatism—the "County."

So affected the mannerisms along with the well-cut tweeds of "the fine old English gentleman," although his own background was probably middle-class in the extreme.

No Different

When it came to picking a car for himself he jibbed at present-day production models with their Transatlantic pulses and harmonica fronts.

Instead he chose something aggressively British; an elderly Bentley, Rolls or Invicta. And although it took every halfpenny he had to keep his massive engine running, he thought it well worthwhile. For no money could buy the delicious, indefinable satisfaction of roaring superciliously past something sleek and shiny from Detroit.

But don't get the wrong idea, please. There's nothing basically anti-American about this attitude. America's youth, this would not sit so well differently were the positions reversed.

And, after all, there's good precedent for it. You should just have heard what superior young Greeks had to say about the influx of Roman "cuties" with its shabby, shabby clothes.

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The young Prince Alexander of Hesse had entered the service of the Russian Army and was appointed by Tsar Nicholas I a colonel in the Household Cavalry.

This dashing cavalry officer became a great favourite at the Russian Court.

But in 1861 he eloped with a beautiful young ward of the Empress and was cashiered. His bride was the Countess Julia Theresa von Hauke.

Prince Alexander was by then in command of the Household Cavalry, and his elopement with this young beauty, not of royal birth, caused a sensation. They fled to Breslau, where they married, and the Empress, Nicholas, furious, stripped him of his command and rank.

But Prince Alexander's family connections were there to help him. He was also related to the Empress of Austria, and the white-coated army of the sprawling monarchs could make good use of an experienced cavalry commander. With his Russian rank of major-general he was appointed to command an infantry brigade at Glatz, where, on May 24, 1871, his eldest son, Louis, was born.

An old title

In 1855 his brother-in-law had become Tsar Alexander II and, probably at the gentle instigation of the Empress, restored Alexander to his rank and rights in Russia.

With his military career in the ascendant, and his reputation re-established, his brother—since 1848 Grand Duke Louis III of Hesse—left that same gesture was due from his own family.

By his morganatic marriage to a lady of inferior rank, Prince Alexander's children, by the rules of the Hesse dynasty, were debarred from bearing any royal title.

However, the Grand Duke resuscitated for his sister-in-law the old title of Princess of Battenberg.

Her children and descendants became Princes and Princesses of the House of Battenberg. The eldest son, therefore, became Prince Louis of Battenberg.

In 1918 at the height of the war against Germany the family name was changed to Mountbatten.

Now British

By the time Prince Louis was fourteen—in 1878—he had developed a desire to go to sea.

The decisive influence seems to have been Queen Victoria's son, Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, a handsome post-captain of twenty-four, who was attending a course at Bonn University.

First the objections of Prince Louis' mother had to be over-

They ran away together 100 years ago the German Prince and the Commoner. It was the start of the amazing story of the Mountbattens. These extracts from Brian Connell's book "Manifest Destiny" trace the whole fabulous story of this remarkable family, the youngest of whose sons is now Prince Charles, heir to the Throne of Britain.

THE FABULOUS MOUNTBATTENS

ruled, and then those of Prince Alexander, who felt that if his son was going to become a naval officer it should be in the Austrian Navy.

However, young Louis was set on joining the largest and most powerful navy the world had ever seen, and at the end his Redoubtable had then way.

An English summer was built, and on September 25, 1880, father, son and daughter set off for England.

On October 14 he was taken to the Admiralty and became a British subject, swearing allegiance to Queen Victoria "as a very dutiful subject" as he was to be known in after years.

The normal procedure would have been for him to spend a year in the cadet training ship Brixham before passing for midshipman.

But at this juncture his path crossed for the first time that of the Prince of Wales, who became Edward VII.

Prince Edward asked the Admiralty to appoint the young cadet to the frigate Anadine, in which the heir to the Throne and his wife were to visit Egypt.

He did well

The cruise completed, the Prince and Princess of Wales returned to the Anadine, and during the latter part of the voyage with his Royal benefactor's departure, the full weight of the handshakes of his new career descended upon him.

The Admiralty evinced little interest in employing him further.

However, eventually Louis was appointed to the Royal Alfred, flagship of the North American and West Indies station.

His life now was made up of the hard, Spartan training of the midshipmen of those days, with anything up to forty youngsters crammed into the gunroom in the perpetual twilight of the lower deck.

At least his training in seamanship was no longer neglected. Louis did well in his examinations and became Signal Mate as senior midshipman. He displayed marked ingenuity in the management of an archaic and complicated Morse signalling

lamp, a time recently introduced into the Navy, and was responsible for its development as a new means of communication between ships at sea.

We perceive for the first time a taste for technical devices which was to distinguish his later career.

By the time he returned to Europe in 1874, the privileges of growing seniority and the many invitations to banquets and ashore which his good looks and title assured him, had turned him into a strapping six-footer whom his family barely recognised.

Silent Queen

Welcomed with open arms at Sandringham by the Prince and Princess of Wales, Louis returned with them to London, where he saw the new queen married Edinburgh couple. He was also invited down to Osborne, where, at family dinner, he sat between Queen Victoria and her youngest daughter Beatrice, who, to his discomfiture, never addressed a word to him.

Her interest in him was not to be quickened until nearly ten years later.

By then he had married Victoria, a favourite granddaughter of the great Queen whose name she bore.

It was to be an ideally happy marriage, and his wife—later to be known as the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven—died as a very old lady in 1950, one of the last direct living links between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II.

Prince Louis had four children, a daughter, Alice, born in 1885, a second daughter, Louise, born four years later, a son George, born in 1892, and then, after eight years, a second son, Louis, known to us as Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

Princess Alice married Prince Andrew of Greece and they, in their turn had as their youngest child Philip, now Duke of Edinburgh.

Tragedy, too

Queen Victoria thoroughly approved of the match, although Prince Louis always thought that there was a measure of relief on her part that his choice had not fallen on her youngest daughter, Princess Beatrice.

The great Queen made something of a protegee of the handsome Battenberg prince.

But after a certain point, it is an open question how much his Royal connections assisted his career.

Honour and recognition came to him in full measure, yet there was to be tragedy in his life and more in that of his wife. He, who had made himself the epitome of the officer whose service he had chosen, was wounded from high estate that his choice had not fallen on her youngest daughter, Princess Beatrice.

Rank by rank he rose in the Navy, obviously a man of high ability and clearly on merit marked for high office.

By 1901 he was in command of the Implacable, one of a new class of battleship, and came under the close notice of the great admiral who was the most outstanding and most controversial figure in the Navy between the turn of the century and the initial stages of the First World War—Sir John Fisher.

Prince Louis' outstanding successes in the Mediterranean tactical exercises towards the end of 1902 led Fisher to call him to London as Director of Naval Intelligence.

His three years as D.N.I. laid the foundation of that depart-



Prince Louis of Battenberg as a young man. He was to become First Sea Lord of the Admiralty... he was to be sneered at as a German and resign... he was to become the father of Lord Louis Mountbatten.

ment as the nerve centre of the Admiralty. By the time he left it had become clear that here was an officer who must in due course occupy the very highest appointments both in peace and in war if it should come, and whose career was likely to be one of untarnished glory.

Yet during this very period the old spectre of resentment at his foreign birth and connections and rapid rise was momentarily to raise its ugly head again.

A fellow senior officer, who to this day must remain nameless, went to the extraordinary lengths of sending a letter to be published anonymously in several London papers, belittling Prince Louis' achievements and suggesting that his foreign birth incapacitated him from further service.

Not a single editor made use of this document, except one, who forwarded it to Prince Louis.

By 1907 Prince Louis was a Vice-Admiral and second-in-command of the Mediterranean station. Just a year he became Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, and for four years exercised fleet command until in 1911 he was flying his flag with the third and fourth divisions of the Home Fleet.

Naval race

The naval race with Germany was in full flood, and while the Kaiser's captains were toasting "Der Tag," which was to give their country its place in the sun, their British counterparts were preparing grimly for the conflict which each political crisis seemed to render more certain.

To many Prince Louis' position must have looked anomalous, but his close ties of marriage with the German royal family caused him no second thoughts in the fulfilment of his duties.

His friends in the Navy were to recount later that Prince Louis' main ambition was to lead in war the fleet of the country of his adoption.

In the meantime changes in the political scene had brought Mr Winston Churchill for the first time to the head of affairs at the Admiralty.

He wrote to Prince Louis and invited him to dinner, at which he offered him the position of Second Sea Lord. Prince Louis was delighted.

War came

The First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman, although a first-class sea officer, was of a somewhat lazy disposition and seemed perfectly happy to confine himself to affirmatives injected into the flood of discussion between Prince Louis and Mr Churchill.

In the winter of 1912, when Sir Francis was obliged to resign through illness, Prince Louis was appointed to succeed him and held that momentous office when war broke out.

As the fateful months of 1914 passed, the trend of international events marched implacably towards war.

During July the Royal Navy held its annual manoeuvres, but this time, on Prince Louis' orders, the nucleus crews of the Reserve Fleet were called up to man their ships for the first time for many years.

public have said so many things against him being born a German, and that he ought not to be at the head of the Navy, that it was best for him to go. I feel deeply for him: there is no more loyal man in the country.

In June, 1910, came the Royal pronouncement changing his family name, which he had been discussing with the King for some weeks.

The title of Serene Highness and Prince was transformed to that of Marquess of Milford Haven, an old royal title derived from the great harbour on Britain's west coast.

The name Battenberg was duly transliterated into Mountbatten.

His younger son Louis (now Earl Mountbatten) was granted the courtesy title of Lord Louis Mountbatten, the name by which he has remained known colloquially ever since.

Prince Louis at least had the satisfaction of rehabilitation in the naval service before he died. He was invited to take the chair at a Navy Club dinner in July, 1921.

When he stood up to answer the toast there was a roar of cheering that lasted nearly five minutes, which so affected him that he was barely able to murmur his thanks.

Modest life

Prince Louis' train of life was now more modest than ever. One of his contemporaries recalls seeing him outside the United Services Club at this time and offering to give up his taxi to him: "Oh, no, my dear fellow, I go in buses these days," Prince Louis replied.

He had taken a room in the annex of the Naval and Military Club in Hall Moon Street, while his wife and daughter stayed at a nearby hotel.

On Saturday, September 10, Prince Louis felt unwell, and asked the family to delay their departure. The next day the Marchioness and her daughter Lady Louise went out to fetch some medicine. They were greeted on their return by the housekeeper, who told them tearfully that it would no longer be required. She had gone up to Prince Louis' room to collect a tray and found him dead.

On July 25, the Saturday before the Monday on which this movement was due to take place, Prince Louis decided to remain at the Admiralty. Mr Churchill, the First Lord, had gone down to Cromer, where his wife was unwell.

All through that long lonely day, with special editions of the newspapers trumpeting disaster and dismay, Prince Louis sat in his office in the Admiralty.

One thing was certain: if this was the last recurrent crisis before an outbreak of general hostilities, Britain's first line of defence had to be ready, and that would involve keeping the fleet mobilised.

Hysteria

It was an awesome decision to have to take. No one, either then or thereafter, obtained any picture of the thoughts in Prince Louis' mind as the tension mounted.

All we know is that by lunch-time he had made up his mind. By the early hours of August 3 the full mobilisation of the fleet on a war footing was complete. Only Prince Louis had prevented the delay and disorder involved in tracking down the thousands of reservists who would otherwise have returned to their homes.

Yet this, his last and greatest service, was not to save him from the obloquy which descended in the first hysterical weeks of the war on all those of German birth.

Forty-six years of devoted service to the Royal Navy was not going to save him when the general atmosphere drove people to hound puffy cooks with German names as spies.

There were several minor reverses at sea. Three archaic cruisers were torpedoed on patrol in the North Sea and Admiral Cradock's small fleet went down to disaster at the Battle of Coronel.

The public was in no mood to tolerate such set-backs, and Prince Louis was accused of faulty dispositions, if not downright treachery.

Club gossip hardened into anonymous letters of vilification. He made up his mind that if public confidence in the Board of Admiralty was to be restored he must resign, and on October 28 he sat down to pen the short letter that put an end to his career.

Royal master

Of all his contemporaries, only his royal master and relation was ever to record the true state of Prince Louis' feelings. On October 29 King George V noted in his diary:

Spent a most worrying and trying day. At 11.30 saw Winston Churchill, who informed me that Louis of Battenberg had resigned his appointment as First Sea Lord. The Press and

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The China Mail continues the story of the great health adventure in which five men and women are seeking an answer to the question: "Is it possible to live longer and more healthily?"

Today the team of medical experts consider the case of the business man—represented by the radio star and business executive KENNETH HORNE. Is your age group 40 to 60? Then find your health rating by answering the questions on the right. If you fall in another age group, your case will be dealt with on succeeding days this week.



The Kenneth Horne that radio listeners never see: at his business desk

BETTER BE RUTHLESS at lunch-time, Mr. Horne

KENNETH HORNE'S chief problem must be how to fit his astonishing range of activities into 24 hours. It is a problem which he appears to be solving satisfactorily at present, without detriment to his health, but how long can he go on taking so much out of himself without risk?

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7 a.m. start

He gets up at 7 a.m. and spends about an hour pottering about in the bathroom, soaking in the luxury of a hot bath. After breakfast—sometimes egg, or sausage, and bacon, sometimes only tea and toast—he drives to the office at 8.40, unless he is travelling.

And Kenneth Horne travels often and to all parts of the country in his capacity as sales director. One o'clock lunch with customers or business contacts is usually a big meal. Back in the office at 2.30, he puts in another three hours of intensive work.

On most week nights, he changes into dinner jacket as soon as he gets home, and goes straight out to an evening function. He looked at his diary, and found that he had had evening engagements for 32 of the last 37 days.

Every Saturday and every Sunday he is at script conferences from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and when "Down You Go" was being televised he went out to the studio from 5 o'clock to 8.30.

He used to play tennis and squash, but has now given all of them up. The only

KENNETH HORNE

Age: 46. Profession: Sales Director. Outside activities: Broadcasting, TV, Sports: Golf (about once a month). Health: Passed A1 for life insurance (three years ago). Smoking: 20 cigarettes a day and an occasional cigar. Health rating: 21.

exercise he gets is about 12 long as the man who controls rounds of golf in the course of his business and his eating. In the health table which appears on this page, Kenneth Horne obtained 21 points, a good rating. But what will his rating be after a few years, if he continues to drive his body and his mind at such pressure?

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Avoid these

Fried and starchy foods, and rich soups, all of which have high caloric values and lead to obesity at this age, should be avoided at lunch.

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* The business man: Age group 40-60 *

Tick the answers applicable to you. Then read the key below

1 (a) I have a good appetite.	(b) My appetite is fair.	(c) My appetite is bad.
2 (a) My digestion is good.	(b) I occasionally have indigestion.	(c) I suffer from chronic dyspepsia.
3 (a) I sleep very soundly.	(b) I sleep fairly soundly.	(c) I suffer from insomnia.
4 (a) I usually feel fresh in the morning.	(b) I tend to wake up feeling listless.	(c) I feel nauseated in the morning.
5 (a) I can relax easily.	(b) I find it hard to relax.	(c) I cannot relax.
6 (a) I am very even-tempered.	(b) I tend to be irritable.	(c) The least thing irritates me.
7 (a) My weight never varies.	(b) I am worried about my weight.	(c) It goes markedly up or down if I don't diet.
8 (a) Only violent exercise makes me breathless.	(b) I get breathless fairly quickly.	(c) The slightest exertion makes me breathless.
9 (a) My heart never thumps.	(b) It thumps occasionally.	(c) It thumps often.
10 (a) I never feel dizzy.	(b) I occasionally feel dizzy.	(c) I often feel dizzy.
11 (a) I hardly ever cough.	(b) I often get coughs.	(c) I have a chronic cough.
12 (a) I don't worry about my health.	(b) I sometimes get alarmed about my health.	(c) I constantly think I have something wrong with me.

THE KEY TO YOUR HEALTH RATING

Count two points for (a) answers, one point for (b) answers, and nil for (c). Total up and find your rating below:

Over 18 points: Good; 12-18 points: Average; Under 12 points: Poor. If your answers to 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and (c), you should see a doctor.



THIS is where blue skies are MADE

NEW YORK. I HAVE just come from a city that has conquered smog—and conquered it not too strong a word to use for the St. Louis success story.

For St. Louis (pronounced Lewis), on the Missouri bank of the mighty Mississippi, once had a smog problem as bad as, if not worse than, London's own.

DONALD LUDLOW reports on the defeat of a menace

The choking, sooty, sulphurous blanket that wrapped the city from autumn to spring was taking a toll of nearly £7,000,000 a year in property damage alone, without counting the cost to health.

So dirty

AND why so much smog? First, St. Louis suffers from those weather grannies known as "inversion belts of warm air" that come in around 1,500 to 2,000 ft. and seal smoke in as tightly as if by a lid.

Second, the Southern Illinois coalfield, on the other side of the river, from which St. Louis drew most of its fuel, produces some of the dirtiest coal you can find anywhere.

So when winter came and to the belching of smoke stacks was added the smoke from the stoves, fires, and furnaces of a million people trying to keep warm, you can imagine what it was like.

Shops lost millions from the soiling of goods. Hotel and home laundry bills were almost double those in other cities.

Nobody dared wear light-coloured clothes or have light furnishings.

Ironwork corroded at incredible speed, paint cracked and withered in a year or two. Gardens were bleak and bare.

All this, as well as coughs, sore throats and inflamed eyes. Now we come to November 23, 1939, the "Black Tuesday" of St. Louis. It was midnight at noon. The whole city gasped and retched in the grip of sulphurous miasma.

Two days before, the St. Louis newspapers had been raking the civic authorities.

Raymond Roche Tucker, the young engineering professor who had taken on the job of smoke commissioner that nobody else would touch—"It's impossible" was the view—was under fire.

He was being called "Tucker the Tinker." Black Tuesday not only inflamed St. Louis lungs, it inflamed its temper.

The Post-Dispatch detailed veteran newsman Samuel Shelton to get an answer to smog.

It pounded the Administration. And then, surprisingly, Shelton was back within a fortnight with the answer—an answer that Tucker the Tinker had done as much as anybody to provide.

The spur

BUT it needed the spur of angry public opinion and the powerful championship of the Post to have any chance of being accepted.

For the answer to smog did not involve any waving of a magic wand by chemists and engineers. It thrust the whole thing back at St. Louis people with the most drastic smoke ordinance ever devised.

This is what it laid down: that all burning high-volatile fuel (that cheap and handy coal, containing a lot of sulphur and tar, from across the river) must employ mechanical feeding equipment to burn it smokelessly.

It would be an exaggeration to say that women's fashions have become the talk of the day in Moscow, but with the new drive to please the Soviet consumer they are receiving a remarkable degree of official attention.

In the old days, one was barely aware that Soviet fashion magazines existed; now, they have come into the open and are exposed to searching criticisms.

For even fashion, it seems, has its ideological side. A recent article in the Soviet youth paper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, hinted that with greater care it could become another field in which Soviet culture could demonstrate its superiority over the West.

One can gather something of this dreariness from a skit in the Soviet humorous journal, Krokodil, published at the end of August, 1953. Under the heading "Krokodil's Fashion House," there were drawings of six garments produced by various clothing factories, with a commentary on each.

Two models

Number one was described as "a poplin blouse of dirty lilac colour—an exemplary uniform for a scarecrow in the kitchen garden." Model number two was a woman's winter coat, the buttons of which, said Krokodil, "the elegance and size recall the noble outlines of a barnyard lock." Of the next model the journal said: "This is a severe style without unnecessary ornamentation or tailoring devices. In this coat the lady will look like a retired guardman."

Another garment in Krokodil's list "does away with the old-fashioned division of clothes into male and female. Even the most experienced saleswomen are unable to determine which sex is supposed to wear this inimitable article."

Soviet fashion designers are not entirely to blame, however. In a recent issue of the organ of the Ministry of Culture, Sovetskaya Kultura, an article by one of them, Okuneva, revealed that they work under difficulties. They design clothes but have no say in the making of them; if the factory likes to make alterations, they cannot interfere. Altogether, their opinion counts for little.

Horrid

Okuneva described a scene in the Artistic Council of the Soviet House of Fashion, the Dom Model. When an elegant satin dress, sewn with sequins, was greeted with exclamations of approval, a representative of the trade organisation declared that "consumers demanded 'pockets in such dresses'." The designers were horrified, for the model was a party dress to be worn with beads, a brooch, or artificial flowers. What was the point of pockets, the inevitable features of working clothes?

The designers' protests were in vain, although, Okuneva argued, the requirements of the consumer ought not to be decided simply on the basis of statements by trade representatives. The designers should have the final say, since it was their task "to educate the taste of Soviet people, to support all that is best and to sweep away all that is backward and alien to our culture."

Another handicap under which Soviet fashion experts work, apparently, is the limited range of materials. The styles they design have to be made up in whatever material is available. Thus a winter model may have to be made out of summer dress material.

One way and another, the quest for elegance in the Soviet Union is not an easy one, and it is scarcely surprising if women and designers are still "slaves" to foreign styles and trends.

The Chapman Pincher Column

A 'SLIMMING' WAY TO THE STRAIGHT PATH

THE pep pills which women use for slimming are now being given to young criminals to prevent them from becoming old lags.

Doctors have found that the pills alert the brains of some delinquents in such a way that corrective training has more effect on them. The pills, which contain the drug amphetamine sulphate, seem to increase the delinquents' ability to understand the difference between right and wrong and to learn that crime does not pay.

SLIGHT ABNORMALITY

TESTS made by Dr. R. Sessions Hodges and Dr. Gray Walter showed that 84 per cent of the youths in an approved school near Bristol had slight abnormality of the brain, as judged by recordings of their "brain waves."

They found that such youths can tolerate excessive doses of the pep drug which would prevent ordinary people from sleeping at night.

Animal tests have proved that the drug acts directly on a brain "circuit," which is believed to be faulty in many habitual criminals.

For certain types of young delinquent, whose brains are too abnormal to be improved by drug treatment, a London surgeon is trying out a new brain operation.

A 14-year-old girl who was judged to be beyond control after she had broken out of a number of remand homes is now living contentedly at home after undergoing the operation at the Maudsley Hospital.

The operation, which involves the removal of a considerable part of the brain, was originally devised for the treatment of certain types of epilepsy. Out of 14 people who have undergone the operation, ten have so far been free from seizures.

A tendency to the form of epilepsy which may make a person violent often shows early in life as an abnormal "brainwave" recording.

This happened with Derek William Bentley two years before he was hanged for being an accomplice to the murder of Police Constable Sidney Miles at Croydon, but no medical treatment was attempted.

BLAME WORRY

If women would take over a bigger share of the worrying jobs in life fewer men would suffer heart attacks. That is the view of a leading London heart specialist, Mr. David Ezra Bedford, put forward at a private meeting of doctors at Guy's Hospital.

Serious heart ailments are more than three times commoner among men than among women. Doctors are uncertain why the female heart wears better than the male, but there is evidence that nagging worries weaken the blood vessels which supply the heart and bring on coronary thrombosis.

"One obvious solution would be a life of perpetual golf with occasional pauses at the 19th hole for the male, leaving the more vexatious occupations to the female, who is so much better protected against the hazards of coronary disease," Mr. David Bedford said.

Next Saturday:
Calling Housewives!

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a San Miguel

WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

FASHIONS FOR BEACH WEAR: Story Of Missing Spoons Debunked

FOUR NEW TRENDS



EVERY year holiday clothes are launched earlier and earlier. I remember when I shopped for my cottons in April and May.

Now January has become a big cotton season, and you'll be wise to do a bit of your buying now.

Yes, there will be fresh supplies later, but if we get an early summer, you may get caught out.

Why this pushing back of dates? There are two good reasons.

FIRST, post-war fashion takes a big look at America, where there is an important winter holiday season. From December on, thousands swarm to the sunny Florida resorts.

SECOND, sheer competition within the trade. Manufacturers fight to beat

each other's goods into the shops, and the dates get pushed back a week, a month, two months, and more.

Yes, it's pleasant to see the bright colours, the airy wisps of stuff, among drab dark clothing.

It's all right by me, just so long as they don't push it back too far... and send us scamporing to the beaches in clothes which are a year out of date!

This year there will be four new trends. Here are the lines to look for when you're shopping for beach things.

★ First trend is BULKY WRAPS. The daytime fashion for short, massive wraps is carried over into beach wear. Specially recommended for the windy English beach, where a skimpy stole is not enough! The over-blouse that pulls over your

head is newer than a button-up jacket—like Horrocks belted blouse of striped cotton on the left.

★ Next, watch the trend for CLASSICAL TUNICS. In America, there are swimsuits entirely pleated like short Greek tunics. The multi-colored cotton tunic here looks straight from some Mediterranean island. It is lined with black towelling, goes over black shorts. By Spectator Sports.

★ Third, the trend for TERRY TOWELLING. The girl kneeling on the sand wears Spectator's belted over-blouse of black and white striped towelling over tight red denim pants.

★ Fourth, an important trend for STRAW. A skirt of caramel-colored straw, surprisingly light in weight, wraps over a white jersey shoulder-bone blouse and shorts embroidered in straw to match. By Rima.

Anne Scott-James

She Helps Herself By Helping Others

By ANNE HEYWOOD

THE longer I live, and the more life stories I hear, the more aware I am that the blow which will send one woman into a tailspin of tears and bitterness, will, to another, be just a new opportunity for achievement.

Take, for example, Theresa H.

No-Good Husband

Theresa married a no-good man. He never kept a job. He was an alcoholic. In between drinking jags, he gambled with whatever money he could get his hands on. And finally, he walked out on Theresa, leaving her with three babies under five years of age.

Most girls would have gone home to the family, if any, and spent the rest of their lives being "that poor dear thing" with a good excuse for bitterness

and cynicism forever. But not Theresa. "I sat down and figured things out," she told me. "After all, it was a relief in a way. On top of that, the whole mess was partly my fault. I was the one who had married him, so I had nobody but myself to blame in the last analysis."

"And I knew I would have to get busy, quick," she continued. "I had the three children to support, and no money in the bank. We had a big old-fashioned apartment, with three extra rooms which I had planned to rent out. But, of course, my husband's behaviour was so awful that we were never able to take people in."

She Loves Children

"Well, I thought things over carefully. I had no business skills or experience whatever, nor did I have time or money to learn them. And the cost of someone to take care of the children, if I did go out to work, was excessive. I reached a real low, and did I feel sorry for myself?"

"Then suddenly, I began to realise how very many mothers must be in the same position. And that was the best thought I'd had."

"I decided to take in the children of broken homes, children whose mothers had to get a job, and who needed a temporary place to put them. I love kids, and I knew I could handle their need for affection, and help them over the strain."

"I put an advertisement in our newspaper, and I also paid a call on the town's leading divorce lawyers to get referrals. I talked to our family doctor, and he helped me with the health and licensing aspects."

"Now, I have a houseful of kids, I'm with my own as well, and am making a small but quite decent living!"

Sometimes the best thing to do when you're in a jam is to think of the others in the same jam. You might be able to help yourself by helping them.

YOU'RE SMART TO BE DIFFERENT

ACCORDING to one beauty specialist, "A woman should not be afraid to be different from the standardised type of today. Some of the most striking women of the stage and screen have achieved distinction because they deviate from type."

Hollywood producers, seeking new starlets, complain that they all look alike—some kind of make-up, some hairdos, same clothes! They are seeking individuality and personality. It's hard to find. Keep this in mind

By HELEN FOLLETT

when you use cosmetics. Don't be a copy-cat. If you have thick lips, don't try to disguise them by using a light shade of lipstick. No doubt your mouth conforms to other features. If you had a cute little cupid's bow of a mouth, it would probably not be in keeping with your general facial composition.

If your eyes are narrow and slanting, don't worry. If you had big round ones, maybe you would look owl-like. And freckles aren't any worry either. Young girls grieve about

them when often they are sassy and piquant.

There is definitely a trend now toward personality hairdos. Some women who have had permanent hair for years have found that straight hair, beautifully arranged, is wonderfully becoming.

Don't be afraid to be different, as our beautifuls urge. Brush your hair straight back, do it in a chignon at the nape line and take a good look at yourself. Maybe it's not so bad. Maybe it's good. Maybe it sets you apart from the curly girls. It's worth trying anyway.

SEVENTY WILL BE CONSIDERED YOUNG MIDDLE AGE...

By IDA JEAN KAIN

IT'S a fascinating fact that middle age can be vigorously young and that, birthdays to the contrary, we do not all age at the same rate. Chronologically of course, the years are the same. But some folks look old when they are scarcely fifty, while others twenty years older stay remarkably young. Obviously middle age is not the same time of life for everybody. It is not inconceivable that in a more enlightened time, seventy will be considered young middle age.

The roll-back of the years is happening right now. Already

we have been given approximately twenty extra years. There is definite proof that the onset of the degenerative disorders commonly believed characteristic of aging, are not inevitable. So let's keep pace with science in our thinking, and cease to look upon the vague aches and ailments of middle age as evidence of the wearing out of the body machinery but instead regard them as disorders which can be remedied with improved nutrition and medical science. Our bodies are capable of reaching 100 without wearing out in any vital part. There is abundant living proof of this today.

The body is so much more wonderful than a man-made machine. Given the right materials, the body repairs itself. No machine can do that. The foods which furnish the essential materials needed for repair and servicing are the Basic 7—milk, 1 pint daily for adults; or one glass and an ounce of cheese; one citrus fruit or juice; plus one or two other fruits; a dark green vegetable; plus two or more others; one or two eggs; a liberal serving of lean meat, fish or fowl; and whole grain enriched bread or cereal. The protective foods in these stipulated amounts furnish sufficient calcium, iron and protein, as well as vitamins; and, without adequate amounts of each, the body cannot grow old... we get old without growing mentally.

a calcium deficiency because of failure to use enough milk or cheese in the daily menu.

Fewer calories are needed as time goes by. Therefore the non-essential, sweets, starches and fats must be lessened. The scales are the highest authority on that score. Overweight is the big problem in the middle period of life—and it is no help staying young. Extra pounds put a burden on the vital organs and that is the real reason excess fat is aging.

But back to thinking young... many authorities believe that our best mental age is after fifty. So take no stock in that old saw that you cannot teach an old dog new tricks. We do not grow old... we get old when we stop growing mentally.

Fath Comments On Women Designers

New York.

WOMEN are bad fashion designers, says an internationally known designer—male.

Paris' Jacques Fath says the only role a woman should have in fashion is in wearing clothes.

The designer, in New York recently to work on his American collection for spring, contended that women are poor creators because they try to dress every other woman in the type of clothes they themselves like.

"Fashion is art," said the slim, blond Parisian. "Art is creative, and men are the creators. Look at the great painters, the great sculptors, the great writers."

"The woman designer sees fashion as she likes it. But a man will see it as hundreds of women like it."

"Take Anne Fogarty (the designer). She uses that one silhouette—the tight waist and full skirt. It looks good on Anne Fogarty."

Fath believes men have better business heads too.

He conceded there are exceptions to his argument—that the Lily Daches and Elsa Schiaparelli have been highly successful.

"But," he added stubbornly, "there'll come a day when all the great designers are men."—United Press.

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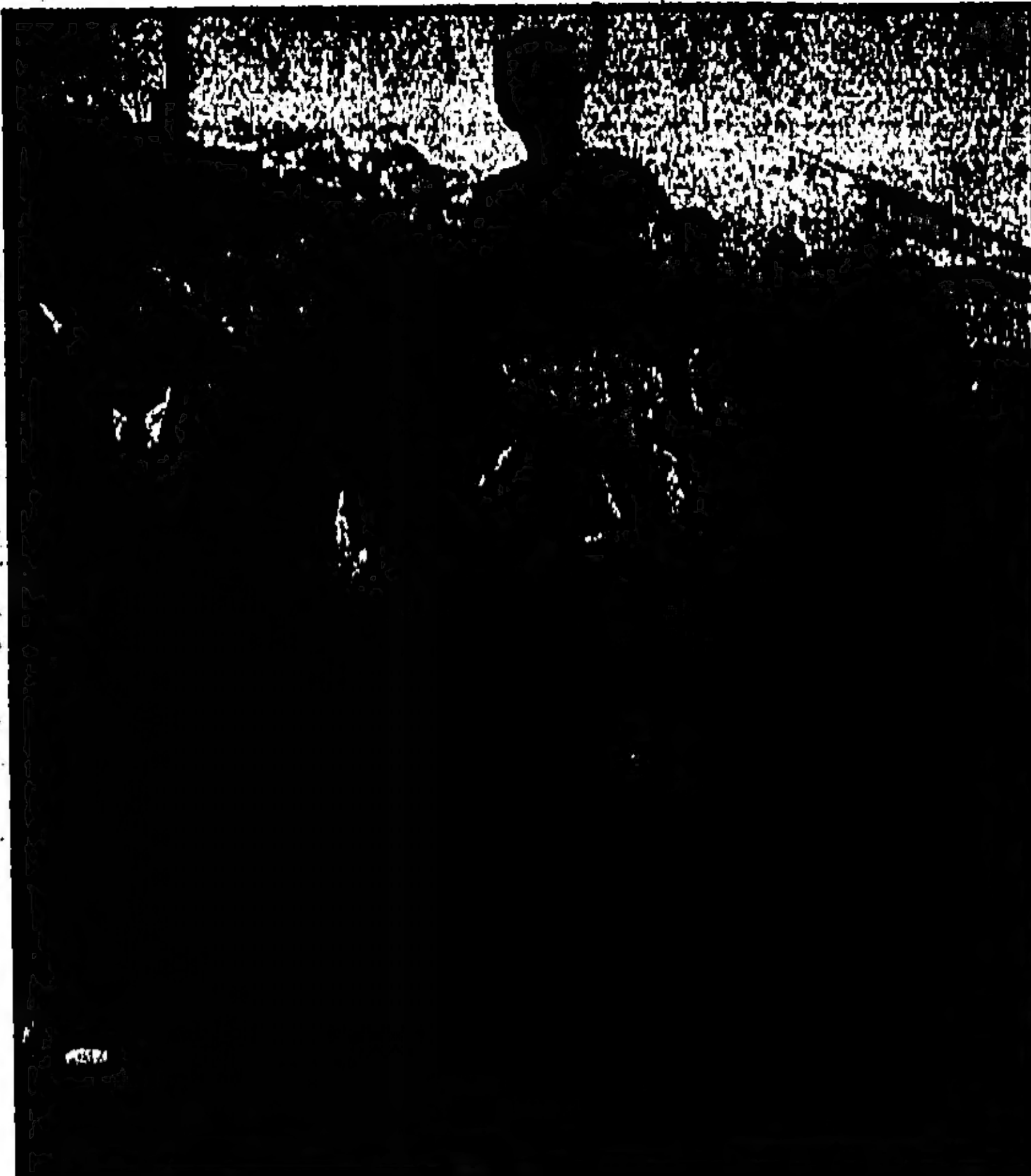
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FUN for everyone at the Kowloon Cricket Club when members and their friends gathered to see the New Year in. After Auld Lang Syne, balloons floated down from the ceiling. (Staff Photographer)



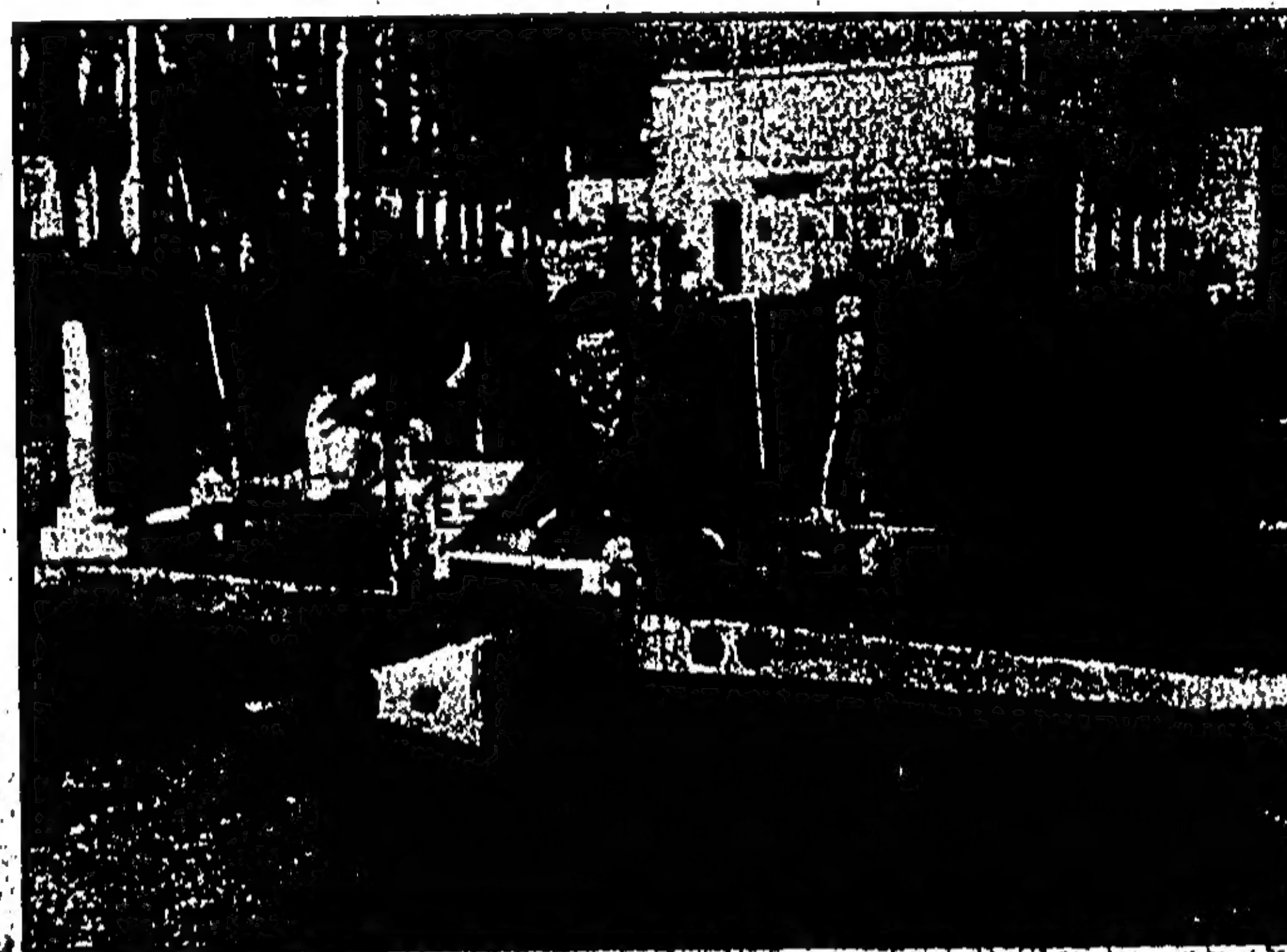
ON New Year's Day at Happy Valley, Mr. F. Noodt rode Johnbar to victory in the New Year Handicap. The pony is being led in by Mr F. A. Weller and Mr S. A. Fowler. (Staff Photographer)



THE Hon. Sir Man-kam Lo, President of the Hongkong Football Association, greeting members of the Pegasus football team on their first appearance here. (Staff Photographer)



MR George T. Lloyd, who sailed for Australia on retirement last Sunday after 49 years in Hong-kong and China. For many years he was active in journalism. After the war, he became General Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild. (Staff Photographer)



THE children had a very enjoyable afternoon at the Police Recreation Club last Saturday, when the annual sports for young people were held. Plane rides and the merry-go-round were some of the attractions. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Lady Grantham at the charity art exhibition sponsored by the Hong-kong Cultural Works Gallery at the Hongkong Hotel. The exhibition was in aid of the Shantung fire victims. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: His Holiness Sayedna Dr. Taher Salfuddin, head of the Dawoodi Bohra community and Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University, speaking to the Hon. R. R. Todd and Mr Chai Yongsunthorn at a reception given in his honour at the Gloucester Hotel. (Staff Photographer)

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THE wedding cake is cut by the bride, assisted by the groom, following the wedding last Saturday at St John's Cathedral of Mr Rudolf Peter Vorenberg and Miss Rosella Mary Grosvenor Bartolot. (Willie's)

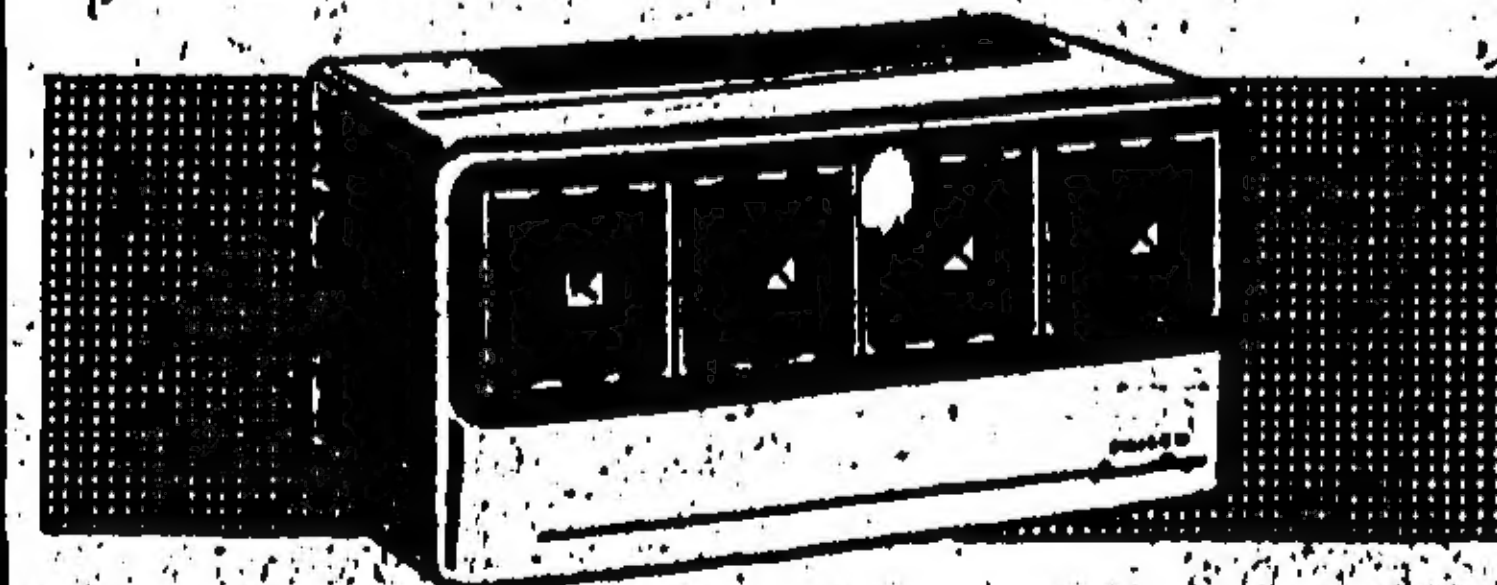


A picture from London, showing Vivian To, daughter of Dr and Mrs Ernest To, at the studio of Mr George Gocheroff, where she is taking up ballet seriously. Mr Gocheroff, who taught in Hongkong before the war, is teaching ballet at Sadler's Wells.

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AT the dinner given in honour of Mr A. G. Suffiad (third from left) to mark his retirement, after 40 years' service, from the British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd. On Mr Suffiad's left is Mr K. C. Johnson-Hill, General Manager, and Mrs Suffiad. (Staff Photographer)



DETERMINATION is written on the faces of these youngsters bent on winning the tug of war at the New Year's Day children's sports held at the Kowloon Cricket Club. (Staff Photographer)



SNAPSHOT taken at the Christmas dinner for Service personnel at the European YMCA. The dinner was followed by a concert given by a party from HMS St Bride's Bay. (Staff Photographer)



MR A. C. Maxwell, Commissioner of Police, and Mr K. A. Bidmead, Deputy Commissioner, studying a display at the Traffic Exhibition held at Grantham Training College, as Inspector P. T. Moor conducts them round. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Dr H. W. Thompson, Hon. Secretary and Team Manager of the Pegasus Football Club, receiving a shield to mark the team's visit from the Hon. Sir Man-kam'Lo, President of the Hongkong Football Association, at a dinner for the visitors given at the Peninsula Hotel. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Lady Grantham presenting a prize at the New Year dance held at the Women's International Club on Thursday evening. (Staff Photographer)



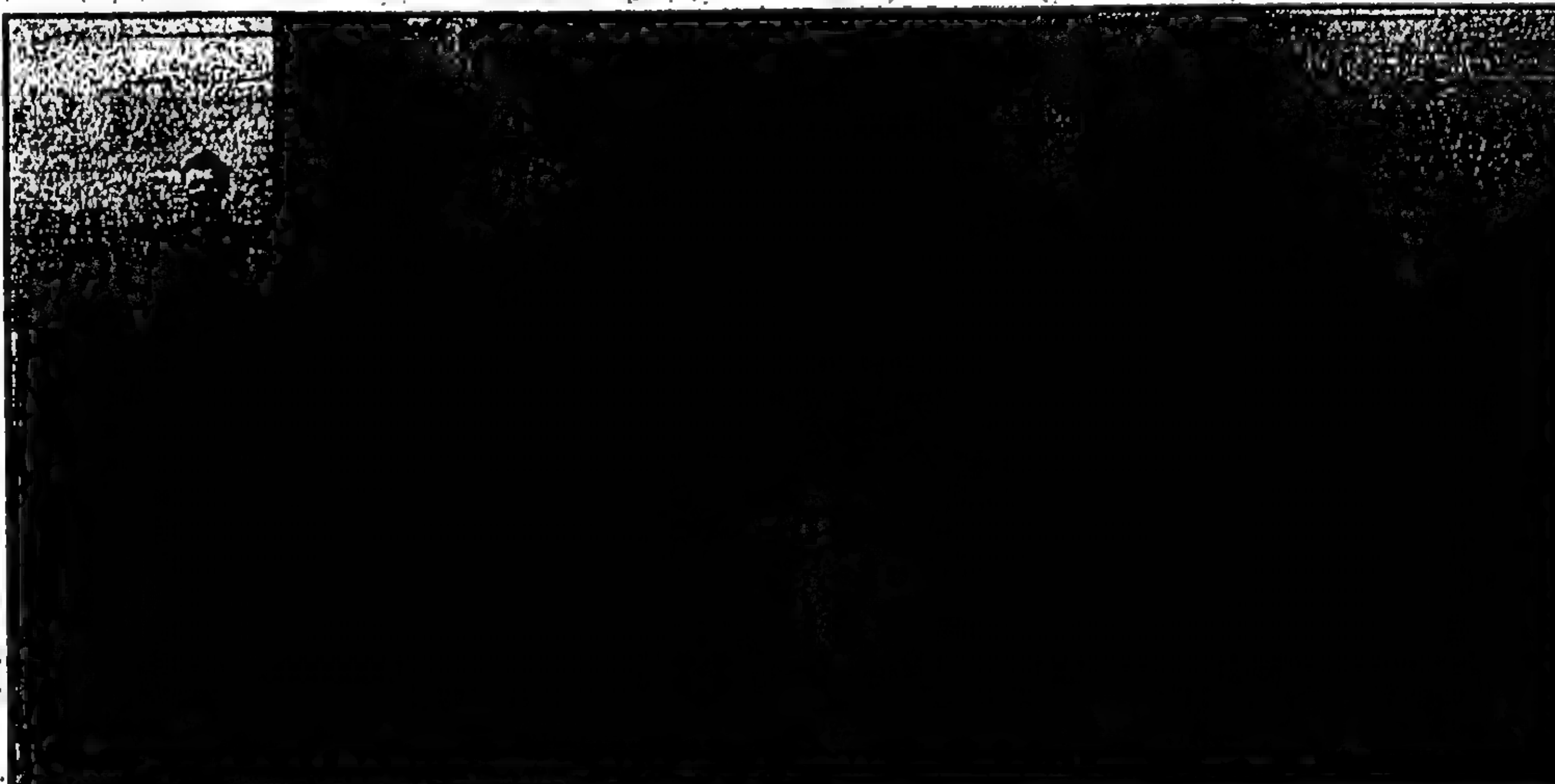
THE Wah Kiu Yat Po Trophy is being presented by Mrs W. J. Dyer to Chau Hon-nin of Queen's College, which won the Senior Chinese Section in the Schools Drama Festival. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Picture taken after the wedding at the Registry of Lt-Col Hugh Vincen Rose and Miss Susan Muriel Selater. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: Mrs Chao Mei-pa presenting a gift to Miss Barbara Fai, well-known soprano, at the annual dinner of the Crescendo Choral Society. (K. Kuan)

BELOW: Roman Catholic soldiers who attended the recent religious instruction refresher course at the Rosary Hill Priory. In white is the Rev. Fr R. W. Gallagher, who conducted the course.



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NOW GIVE YOUR BATH A BRISK RUB DOWN...

By W. P. MATTHEW

SO you want to smarten up the bath? It is a fairly simple job with baths which have been treated with brush or spray-applied enamel, but it is a different matter in the case of modern baths finished in vitreous enamel.

The bath surface will be hard and glossy even after considerable wear and discolouration, and will offer practically no grip to brush-applied materials.

Enamel which has to stand up against the action of hot water, bath salts, and cleansing agents, must have a firm grip, and unless you achieve this by really harsh scouring with coarse emery and other abrasives, it is a waste of time to attempt the job.

So first get your roughened surface—then apply two coats of undercoat and finally the finish enamel.

Each coat must dry hard before the next is applied, and should be smoothed with fine emery or glasspaper, or better still, a household cleaner on a damp cloth, between each coat. A bath which is not finished in vitreous enamel should be stripped down to the bare metal, using one of the strippers available.

Don't try to flush the stripped paint down the bath outlet or

you will have trouble with stopped-up pipes.

The bare metal is then given two dressings of a rust-preventing liquid, followed by one or better still, two coats of aluminium paint or metal primer.

After this follow with the undercoats and finish-coat of bath enamel.

The taps must be tightly corked to prevent dripping, or should have this suspended from them to catch drips. Specially prepared bath enamels are apt to be thick and difficult to brush out. Don't try to thin them.

Stand the tin in a pan of warm water. It will then flow more easily.

The most important stage, as far as the durability of the job is concerned, comes at the end. When the final coat is set, really hard fill the bath with cold water and leave it for two or three days.

Then empty it, and it is ready for use, but—and this too is important—ever afterwards run the cold water into the bath before adding the hot.

One last tip. Vitreous enamel which has been chipped away down to the metal can be built up with coat on coat of bath enamel underneath until the surface is flush, and then given a final finishing coat.

This goes too for chipped places on refrigerators and other enamel-lined things.

TIPS ON CARE FOR WARDROBES

By ELEANOR ROSS

HERE'S a collection of hints on the art and science of keeping clothes and accessories in top-notch condition. This, along with good personal grooming and good taste, is the secret of being well dressed.

Very much in the fashion news are velvet and velveteen, nice fabrics that do need a lot of attention. Press them as seldom as possible, if you want to preserve their rich nap or pile. After each wearing, brush lightly with a very slightly damp, clean brush and hang by an open window, if possible. A good way to press a velveteen collar or pocket is to place it wrong side up on a clean clothes brush, and run a warm iron from it.

The Veil

To freshen a veil, put lightly with alcohol before pressing, and always place funnel beneath the veil. These are tips from a professional maid, and she says that a good personal maid never presses veils under waxed paper, because it is apt to leave a greasy aftermath.

Washable cotton and silk shirts are popular now, and these should be laundered in tepid soapy water and given a rinsing every so often to keep colours bright. Bluing does a good job of keeping white nice, and the best way to use it is with a square of bluing in a double cheesecloth bag added to the rinsing water. This obviates the possibility of spotting the garment.

Stiff, sheer fabrics such as tulle and net, so popular for evening wear, can be kept fresh by adding stiffener to the dampening water. Organdy can be sponged with rice water before ironing and looks well after this attention.

This is much better than starch, we're told. Dampen white net and lace with a sugar-water solution, one teaspoonful of sugar to a glass.

Rained-On Furs

Jewellery is easily cleaned in warm soapy water with a few drops of ammonia added. Brass, copper and silver should be cleaned with polishes especially formulated for these metals, or with those excellent tarnish cleaning cloths.

Furs are precious and money should not be stinted for their upkeep. If caught in a storm, the coat should go to a furrier for treatment. If it really got soaked, but if it just received a slight sprinkling, then dry it with a bath towel and brush and comb it carefully.

For long-haired furs such as fox, so popular again, use a special comb obtainable at notions counters or at some furriers.

By Joan O'Sullivan

THE homemaker who's looking for closets—and most are—will find a sufficiency in the home shown today. There are nine spread out through the sleeping areas.

In addition to this generous storage space, the house will appeal to women because it's efficiently arranged to make house-keeping easy.

Rooms are well laid out. From the front hall, you can go into either work, sleeping or living areas.

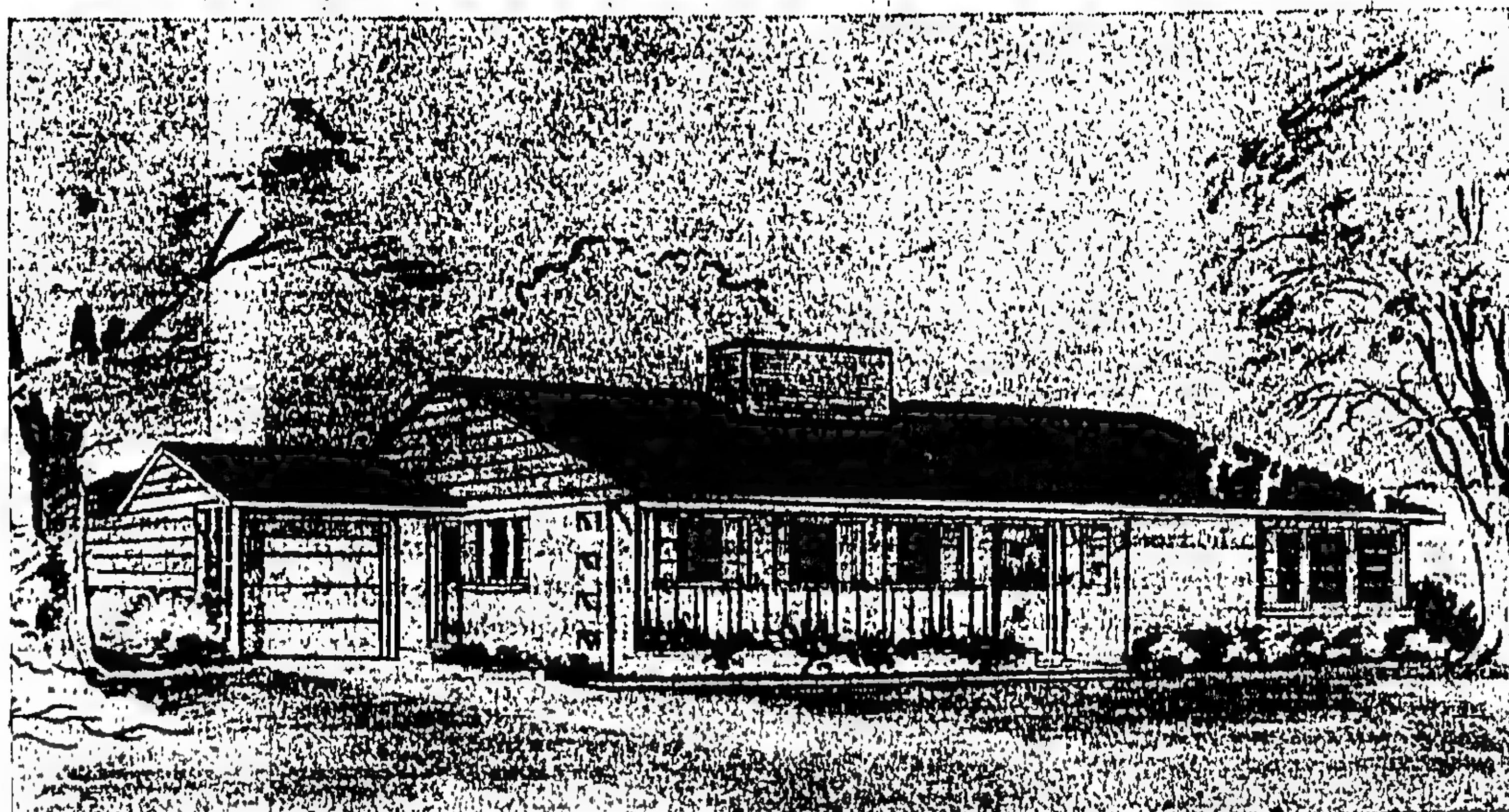
The utility room faces the front of the house. It's a bright, spacious area, with plenty of windows. Next to this room, is the large breakfast nook that's combined with the kitchen, which has good cabinet and counter space. A side service door here is convenient.

The nearby dining area faces the rear of the house, with an exit to the yard. If desired, the dining room can be separated from the living area by draw drapes or a trellis partition.

A wide glassed wall at the rear of the living room looks out on a charming garden view. There's a natural fireplace at one end of this room and a built-in couch nearby. Note, too, the economical planning in the placement of the fireplace wall, which doubles as the utility room wall.

Nine closets are well distributed among the three bedrooms and the centre hall. In the bath, which is situated near the sleeping and utility areas, there's a linen closet.

With all these conveniences, the family is



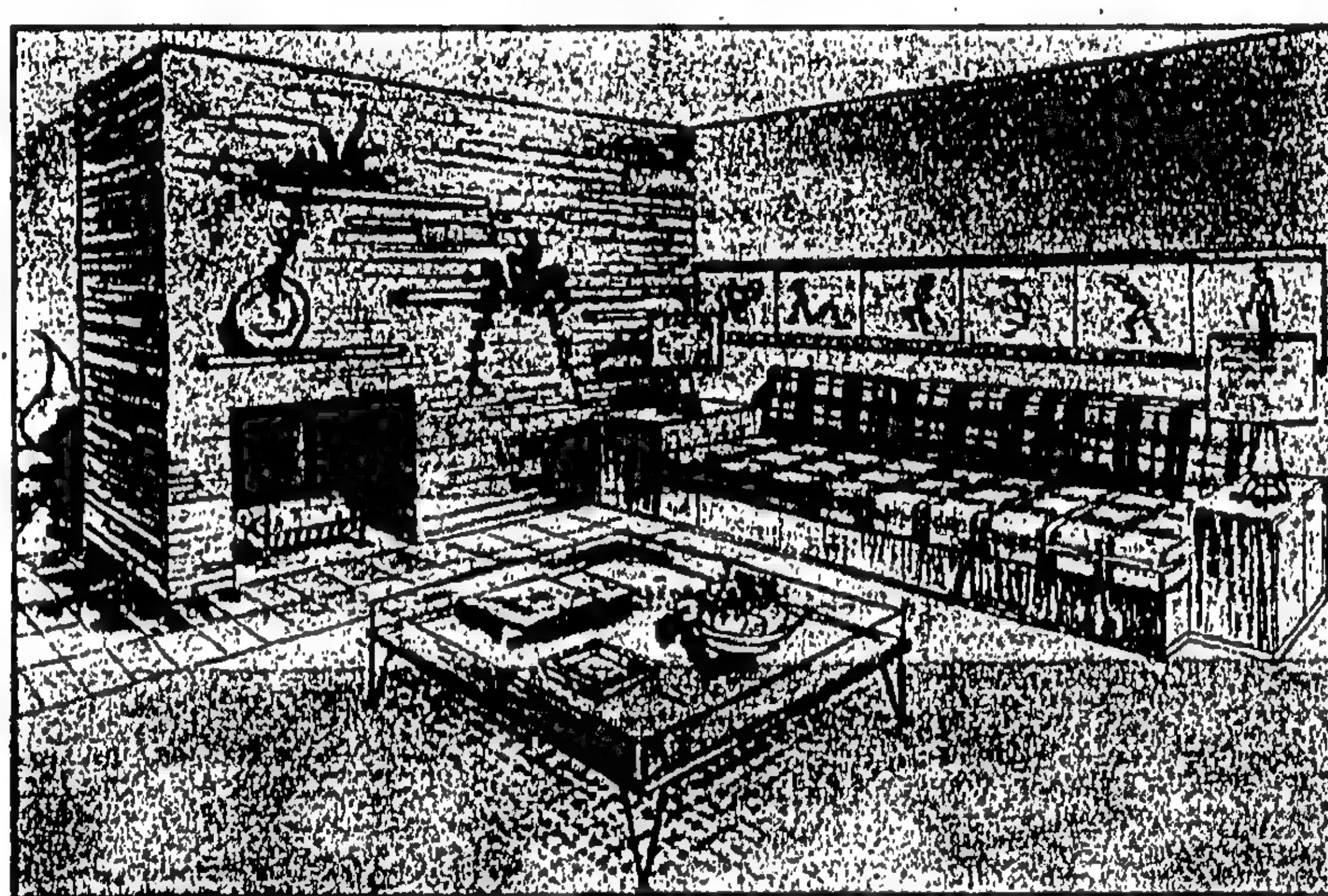
BECAUSE OF ITS SIMPLICITY of detail, this home will fit into almost any surroundings. The attractive window arrangement across the front of the house lends a feeling of length. Note, too, the garage which adds to the long line and features a decorative little trellis.

bound to find this design both comfortable and economy-wise.

The exterior construction is just as attractive as the interior is practical. Simplicity of detail makes the home suitable for almost any background. There's a handsome window arrangement across the front of the house, which creates a feeling of length and provides plenty of sun and air.

Note, too, the decorative brick wall which extends slightly out on one side and the colourful planting box near the covered front porch.

The plan comprises 16,667 cubic feet.



A LARGE FIREPLACE is the focal point in the good-sized living room of House Design H-14-KF. Next to it is a built-in sofa. At the other side of the room (not shown), there's a wall of windows.

TIME-SAVING METHODS ON MEAL PREPARATION

By Ida Bailey Allen

IT'S difficult for most persons to realise that each minute is one-sixtieth of an hour. That's because when a few minutes are saved now and a few more later, they don't seem to add up to anything except a little extra time to dawdle. But combine a number of time-saving cuts during the preparation of a simple meal, and the time saved is apparent.

"Let's look at our menu, Madame," said the Chef, "and see what preparation-time cuts we can suggest."

Dinner

Celery Soup
Veal-Vegetable Pie
Carrots Baked in Tomato Juice
Green Bean Salad
Peach Batter Cake
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level Unless Stated

Celery Soup: Take enough for 2 meals; refrigerate or freeze. Veal-Vegetable Pie: Chop the veal with a quick spring-chopper. Make a double amount of pie-pasty and refrigerate or freeze.

These time-cuts include soup and pie-pasty made for subsequent meals. Baking the whole main course saves at least 30 minutes top-of-range watching in which to put the babies to bed, mend, read or just "rest." As the veal pie, carrots and batter cake are baked in dishes that can go to-table, there are no serving dishes to be washed.

Veal-Vegetable Pie

Chop enough oddments of cooked veal to make 2 c. Add 1½ c. chopped mixed vegetables. Add 1 grated peeled small onion, 2 tsp. enriched flour, ¼ tsp. marjoram, ¼ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. monosodium glutamate and ¼ tsp. pepper. Spread in an oiled 7 x 11-in. shallow baking dish. (The mixture should come almost to the top.) Cover with pie-pasty; press down the edges with a fork. Sift 3 times in the top. Brush lightly with

milk. Bake 35 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F.

Peach Batter Cake

Rub an 8 x 8-in. glass baking dish with butter or margarine. Turn in the contents 1 (1-lb.) tin sliced peaches. Add ¼ tsp. lemon juice and ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Bake in a moderate oven, 375° F., about 10 min. to heat the peaches. Meantime, make up ¼ pkg. plain cake mix according to manufacturer's directions. Flavour with ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Spoon over the peaches. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375° F., or until firm in the centre and brown on top. Serve warm or cold with or without a whipped topping.

Green Bean Salad

To 2 c. cooked fresh or frozen string beans, add 2 tbsp. pickle relish, ¼ c. French dressing and 1/3 c. fine-cut Cheddar cheese. Chill 30 min. Serve on lettuce; garnish with pimiento strips.

THE HOUSE THAT EXPANDS — AND ALSO CONTRACTS

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London. Would you like to add an extra room to your house? Would you like to phone a factory for an extra bedroom to be sent along? The idea isn't fantastic. You can do it — if you invest in an "expandable" house.

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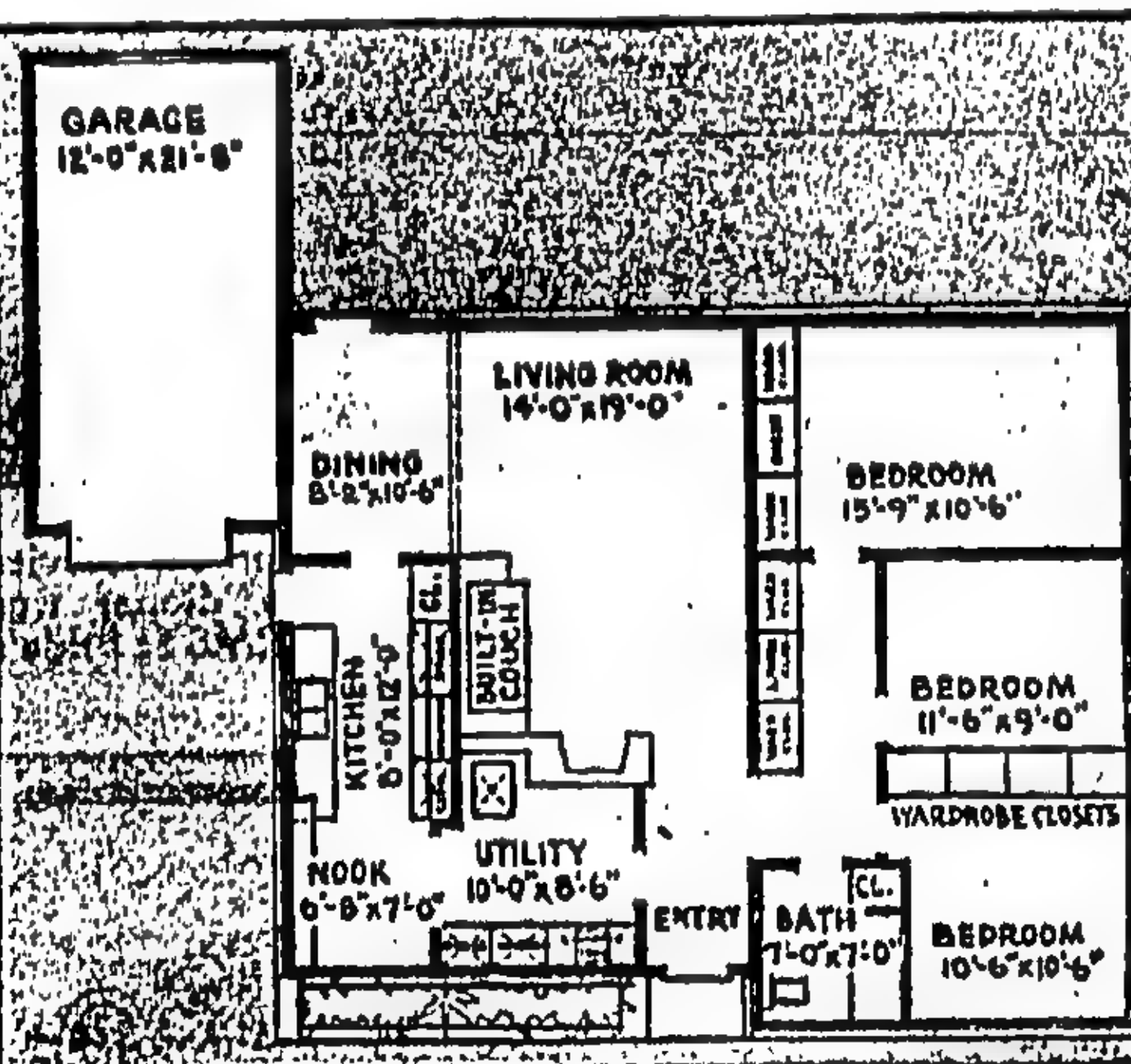
While the house is factory-made, much is left to individual choice — paint, floor covering and style of furniture. Every housewife knows the kind of her own house. As one

time or another she must have wished she could have had a say in its design.

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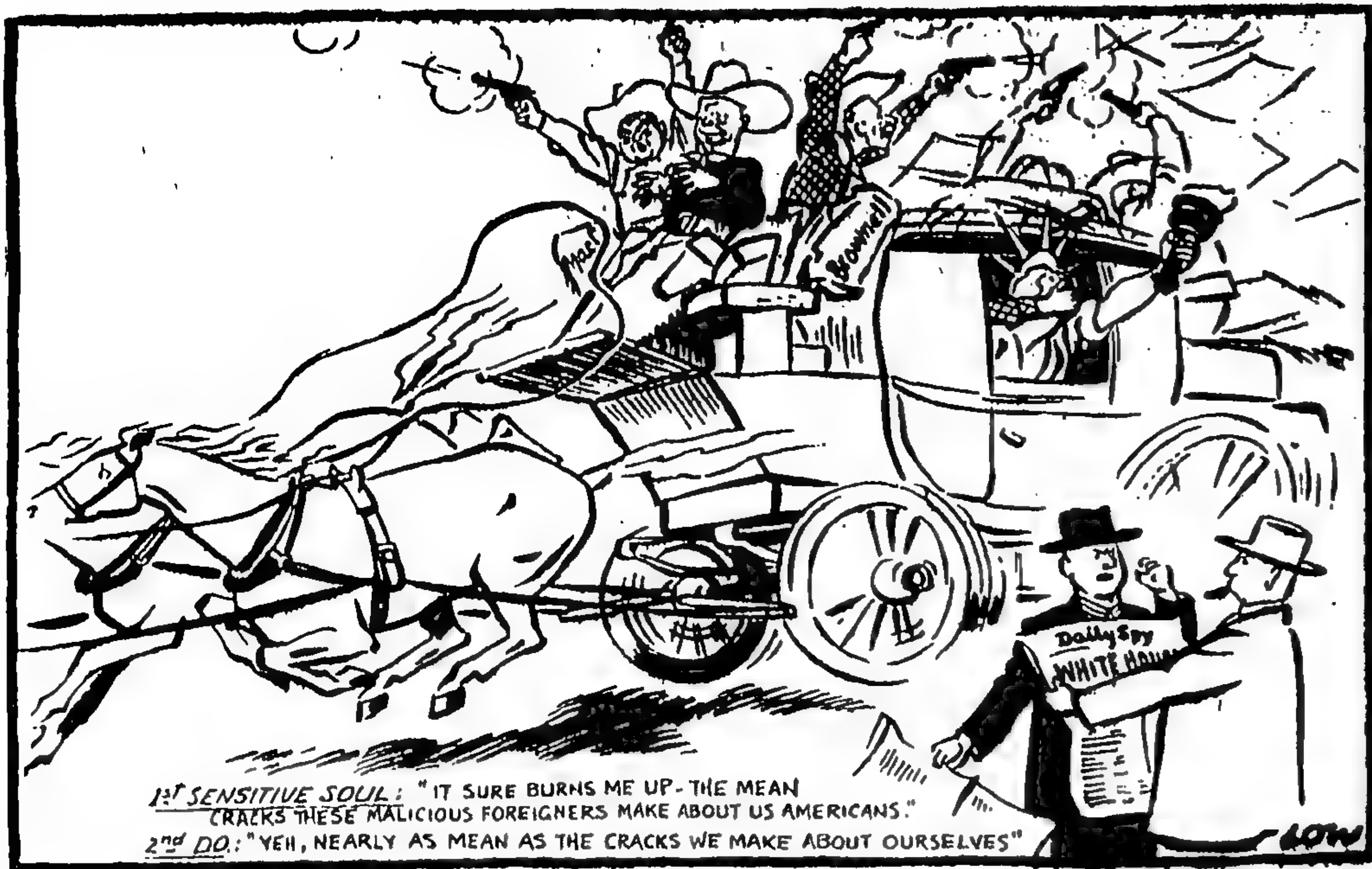
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THE 'DOCTORS' PLOT' OF 1893

By JOHN SHERWOOD

IN 1894, a story was published in a Russian called "No Road" (Bez Dorogi). It took the form of a diary written by a high-minded young doctor who had applied for an appointment at Slesarsk, a small provincial town.

While he awaited the result of his application news came through that a cholera epidemic was approaching Slesarsk. His application was successful, but one of his more experienced friends, instead of congratulating him on the appointment, was horrified and did his best to dissuade him from going. The story went on:

"They will kill you there in a week's time, you know," the friend said. "You don't know the workers in the factory district on the other side of the river at Slesarsk. Not long ago another doctor was appointed to Slesarsk. He was called to a woman on the other side of the river, gave her some medicine, and also some carbolic acid to put down the lavatory. She thought it was a shame to waste good medicine on such a mean, dirty object, so she drank the carbolic herself, and by evening, of course, she was stretched out under the ikons."

Sinister Looks

"The doctor, when he called next day, was surrounded by a menacing crowd and had to be rescued by the police. You know how it is there—the old women are saying in the markets: 'These doctors are being sent to poison us.'"

"And did you read what happened in Astrakhan and Saratov? The people got so angry that they broke into the hospitals and killed those who were striving to help them. If such things happen on the Volga, they will certainly happen at Slesarsk too. So why go? You will only throw away your life, and you can't possibly do any good."

"But I must go," said the young doctor. "I have accepted the offer."

When he took up his post, however, he found that his friend's forebodings were right. "People give me sinister looks," his diary says, "and follow me about wherever I go. Through the cook and the male nurse at the hospital, I hear the rumours that are going round. People have seen me by night at the well, pouring in poison. People have chased me, but I always manage to skip quickly over the wall and so escape."

Very soon the expected epidemic broke out. "I am awakened at night," the doctor records, "There is a message reporting a case of cholera across the river. . . I gave the man a powder. He refused to take it. I said, 'Do you think

I want to poison you? Now look here I have got two of these powders here. You take one, and I'll take the other." His wife insisted: "Drink our water too." She handed the jug from which her husband had been drinking. He shuddered. To drink from the jug from which a man with cholera has just been drinking!"

However, he drank from it to get their confidence. The patient recovered, but the epidemic spread, and the doctor began a desperate battle against ignorance, superstition and disease.

Malicious Shout

Gradually he begins to win the confidence of the population. He is worshipped by those he has cured. But, owing to the terrible conditions in which the people live, it is impossible to take proper sanitary precautions against infection.

When the epidemic reaches its height, people die by the dozen; the survivors turn against the doctor. A drunken crowd attacks his house, determined to drive him out of the town. "Since the doctor came here," they shout, "the cholera has come here too."

The doctor goes out to reason with them. When the crowd sees him, there is a malicious shout of "gee." "Why are you killing people?" The doctor turns on them:

"I have told you a hundred times to be more careful with vegetables, and not to drink unboiled water. Is it so difficult

to boil your water? But you won't—you find it simpler to blame the doctor for everything."

The doctor continues to reason with the crowd, which eventually becomes more amiable. It looks as if all will be well, but a newcomer pushes forward and hits the doctor in the face. The crowd yells wildly and tramples on him. A few days later he dies from his injuries.

This story was written by a doctor named Veresoff, whose reminiscences, published a few years later, give other instances of the primitive distrust of doctors which he encountered among his patients in pre-revolutionary Russia. His picture of the cholera epidemic at Slesarsk was a piece of real-life social history presented in fiction form.

The "Large Soviet Encyclopedia," Vol. 60, 1934, in an article on cholera, said: "Characteristic accompaniments of many epidemics of cholera in Russia were the so-called 'cholera rebellions' . . . The best known cholera rebellions were those of 1830-31 in the Novgorod and Tambov provinces; the last were in 1893 on the Volga."

Sixty Years

In 1893—a year before Veresoff's story was published—Stalin was 14 years old.

Sixty years have elapsed since then, during which period tremendous progress has been made in the Russian medical services. Among simple peasants,

however, irrational distrust remains alive for a long time, even though below the surface; and when the newspapers say that the ailing Zhdanov was killed, not by the inevitable march of his disease but by the devilish ingenuity of his doctors, the news is clearly meant to appeal to such instinctive memories.

Something similar occurred at the time of the great purge of the "bourgeois" when the doctors "confessed" their alleged crimes at the Bukharin trial. The medical evidence recorded in the official minutes of that trial can only have been designed to appeal directly to credulity and ignorance.

Greatest Crime

From doctors who poison their patients, it is only a step, though a very serious one, to aircraft which shower down unseen pestilence at the behest of evil capitalism. And the principle can be extended to a whole gallery of familiar Soviet figures of horror: the capitalist plotting war because he is too wicked and stupid to see that war will ruin him; the Socialist in league with the capitalist to delude the people and lead them to war; the Western speech-makers, whose every sentence is a subtle manoeuvre to divert attention away from this or that; the priests, the Trotskyites, the Titoites, the hidden saboteurs—all the corrupt hypocrites at home and abroad who are allegedly plotting the downfall of the Soviet Union.

Perhaps the greatest crime committed by the Soviet leaders is the way in which they deliberately seek to exploit superstition and ignorance at the bottom of the intellectual and social scales.

IS INDIA FACING STARVATION?

By LEWIS CAINE

"CATASTROPHE or a near-miracle." These are the alternatives before India, according to an official report on the Indian census of 1951, just published.

It is a frightening document, this, which sets out in the clearest terms the dilemma confronting India: Either India's population must be confined to the land's capacity to feed it, or else production of food-stuffs must be raised to heights far beyond what experts believe that the country can achieve.

IN TWENTY YEARS

The population is now increasing at such a rate that, under present conditions, India will face starvation—and this not in the distant future, but in less than twenty years ahead. In 1951 India's population was 360 million. This figure will rise to 410 million in 1961, to 460 million in 1971 and to 520 million in 1981. And this is a conservative estimate based on the assumption that the birth-rate will not rise and that the death-rate will not sharply fall. Can production of foodstuffs be expanded to meet these increases?

The answer is 'No,' concludes the author of the report.

In the five years preceding 1951, India produced an average 55,000,000 tons of food annually. (If all available land had been put under cereals, it could have grown about 70,000,000 tons).

FIVE YEAR PLANS

This was not enough for the existing population, and food-stuffs had to be imported.

If the population grows as estimated it will be necessary for production to rise to 85,000,000 tons by 1961, to 108,000,000 tons by 1971. And these estimates take no account of better living standards.

Can Indian agricultural production increase by 21 percent by 1961 and by 54 percent by 1981?

Great efforts are being made—in a series of five year plans—to step up output. But even the most stupendous efforts are unlikely to meet more than a fraction of India's needs.

An all-powerful government, like the Soviet, can drive the peasant forward under force of the threat of the concentration camp. But the government of India, up against a deeply religious

customs which interfere with efficient agriculture, the complications of the caste system and, not least, Communist agitation, cannot use these sanctions.

And there is yet another complicating factor—inflation.

Inflation does not affect peasants who own land and eat their own crops.

But to landless millions it means that their tiny incomes cannot keep pace with the rising cost of food.

Higher taxation has already increased inflation. The taxes are levied to pay for irrigation projects to grow the vitally needed extra food.

VICIOUS CIRCLE

Thus India is caught in a vicious circle. If she squeezes the people for schemes to provide food in the future, they will be less able to pay for food grown now. The increasing population makes these schemes essential. But so far Nehru has found no way out of the dilemma.

Before the children of today have grown to manhood, then, India will be fighting the

belts, and 'natural checks' will come into play. In other words, starvation will start to decimate the surplus millions. Unless the 'near-miracle,' as the census report terms it, comes to their salvation.

'NEAR-MIRACLE'

This 'near-miracle' is a nation-wide 'family planning' which would keep the population stationary at 450 million. For this, according to the report, is the most that India can comfortably support.

Mr. Nehru has seen the dangers and advocates the limitation of families. But if the 'near-miracle' is to be achieved, it can only be through a national campaign supported by all the resources of the state.

Whether this could succeed in a vast and relatively uneducated country is anyone's guess.

The Census Commissioner has shown courage in drawing up a report which is frank and outspoken. The Government of India have shown courage in publishing his views to the world.

It will require even greater courage on their part to take the steps they can give India from a famine catastrophe.

CROSS-CURRENTS IN ISLAM AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS

By Patrick Maitland, M.P.

EVENTS in the turbulent world of Islam are being closely watched by Whitehall for their possible effects on Britain and the West.

There is, first, the emotional impulse given to Arab nationalism by the mounting prestige of Gen. Naguib's regime.

For example, Major Saleh Salem, Gen. Naguib's right-hand man, recently told a youth rally at Alexandria: "I demand that popular meetings representing Arabs from all parts be held immediately. Let there be a meeting in Cairo, attended by representatives of the peoples—not governments—who will study and debate plans for the destruction of injustice, terror and imperialism."

He expanded this later: "We have started to establish certain contacts, and this will be followed by the formation of an Arab Secretariat representing various popular organisations." This body will pave the way for a popular meeting, he said, and "will be the nucleus for a greater popular assembly."

Major Saleh's plan has caught on. King Saud has publicly supported it and has suggested the calling of national conferences. Their aim should be to further "useful projects," such as the Hejaz Railway between Damascus and Medina. He has proposed the immediate formation of a mixed Saudi-Arabian, Syrian and Jordanian committee to discuss this.

Noteworthy in Major Saleh's proposal is the apparent omission of any concern for the Arab League and other Arab States organisations. The Arab Economic Council met in Cairo on December 6, as an organ of the Arab Defence Treaty of 1950. Education Ministers of the Arab States met the same day in Cairo. An Arab engineering conference is due to meet in February. The Economic Council's Oil Committee meets from time to time, chiefly concerned with the disparity between high American and low Middle East prices for crude oil. Then there is the Arab Defence Council, another organ of the Defence Treaty.

Several themes are reflected in those endeavours. For instance, there is eagerness to shake

off "colonialism," with little idea of what that really means. But this is the theme that Gen. Naguib's government have promoted for dealing with Britain. Indeed Egypt's leaders are allying themselves with those who seek to profit from any weakening of British influence. And they are gaining some prestige in doing so.

For example, Gen. Naguib recently received Amolo Kamard, a self-styled "Mau Mau leader," who is touring the world to acquaint it with "the nationalist movement in Kenya."

Kamard stated that national leaders in Kenya, Uganda and Nigeria were contemplating creation of an "African anti-imperialist front to carry on a collective national struggle for liberation." They consider Gen. Naguib the "spiritual patron" of the "African liberation movement."

Amolo Kamard is actually a native of Uganda. But his journey to Cairo was not surprising, since disaffected Uganda natives derive considerable support from the many Egyptians stationed at Jinja in connection with the Owen Falls dam project.

Hadji Mohammed al-Afridi, styled leader of the Islamic Conference in Nigeria, is in Egypt now on a seven-month visit to study "systems of popular government." He has been received by Gen. Naguib. He wants to secure the admission of Nigerian students to the Al-Azhar University. Nigeria has also asked Egypt to accept six Nigerian students at the Egyptian College of Aviation, and ten more for the universities.

The Mufti's warning matched revelations made by Soviet Moslems who passed through Cairo in August on their way to Mecca. They came in a Russian plane, which carried 18 passengers including Al-Sayid Shukir, Sheikh of Soviet Moslems, the Mufti of Russia and other imams and ulama.

They said that the Soviet Government imposed "special restrictions on Moslems," inconsistent with the spirit and

traditions of Islam. Moslems were banned from working in war factories or important public works; they were prevented from joining the Army or leaving places set aside for them to live in, save as members of the annual pilgrimage. They were forbidden more than one wife, and not allowed to build new mosques or repair old ones.

Finally, still another idea is represented by Gen. Zaidi's government in Persia, which frankly recognises not only the danger from the North but the need to restore tolerable relations with Britain and a close alliance with the United States.

General Zaidi has been explaining the facts simply to his people over Teheran Radio. This is an effective method of reaching them, when radios blare out in every cafe and public square.

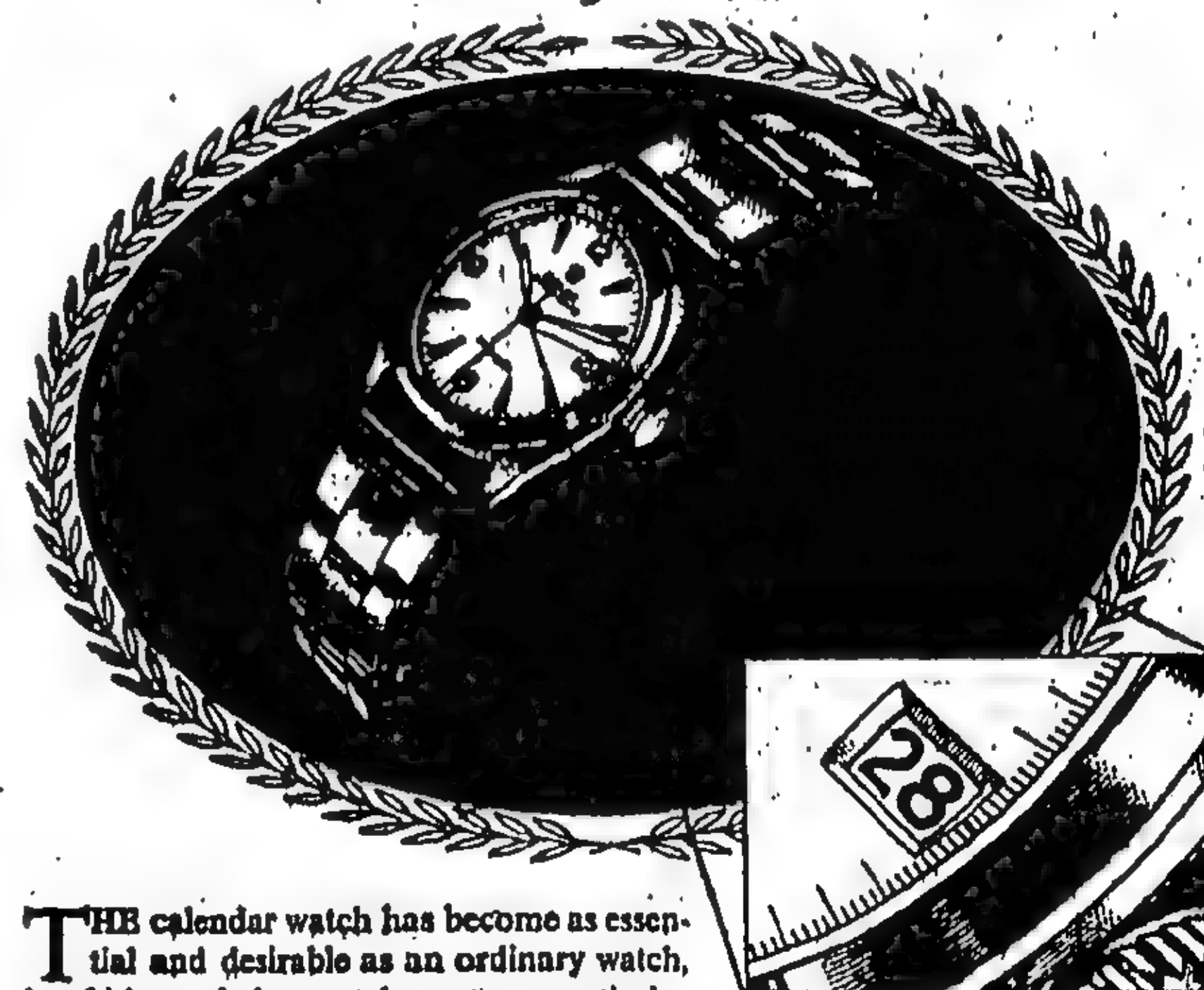
Col. Abbas Narsi has been brought to the microphone to make these points: Persia cannot be neutral in a war between the USA and the USSR; she must follow Turkey's example and join the Western camp; Persia needs a strong army even though she is a small buffer state; acceptance of American military aid would not mean acceptance of any colonial status.

Addressing his listeners in a forthright manner, Col. Narsi has been telling them: "The nation which lays down its sword condemns itself to death. To protect your country's independence you need money. Some foreign governments are prepared to give financial help to you on condition that you defend your freedom. . . . If acceptance of aid meant subjugation, then Britain would already be a colony, and France and Turkey likewise. No single State can stand alone in the present international situation."

Col. Narsi points out that Turkey has obtained 2,000 million dollars from the USA. "It is building airfields, any town of which costs as much as Persia's entire annual budget."

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HER name was Lorelei and her business was men. She was the heroine of a book called *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* that delighted the 'twenties and dropped a catch-phrase into the language.

She was the prototype of the gold-digger with nothing on her mind but peroxide and a bank-

balance. Her little heart did not simply beat; it rang like a cash register.

Her philosophy was remarkably uncluttered: "Kissing your hand may make you feel very, very good but a diamond bracelet lasts for ever."

Staled little

About to be re-issued in a cheap edition (Milestone, 2s.), this handbook on how to get rich through beautiful has staled surprisingly little since it was first published 27 years ago.

Working conditions may have altered somewhat, but the techniques are fundamentally the same. It is important for any young girl contemplating a career as a blonde to get disillusioned early.

"When I left Little Rock," Lorelei explains, "I thought that all of the gentlemen did not want to do anything but protect me girls and by the time I found out that they did not want to protect us so much, it was too late."

As you can see, Lorelei was a girl, who concentrated on the essentials. Her spelling and her grammar may have been erratic, but she could estimate the number of carats in a square-cut diamond with the speed of a calculating machine.

Result of fate

Lorelei soon discovered that all men — whether they were button manufacturers or district attorneys or English peers — reacted the same way on meeting her. They began liking to look at moonlight "quite a lot," could not sleep a wink, and wanted to educate her. "I thought a thing like that was nearly always the result of fate," she told each of them.

Under the spell of her shrewd naivety and calculated innocence, most of them yielded a profit. According to her best friend Dorothy, Lorelei's brains were a miracle.

"I mean she said my brains reminded her of a radio," Lorelei said, "because you listen to it for days and days, and you

get discouraged and just when you are getting ready to smash it, something comes out that is a masterpiece."

Since *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* first appeared, its author, Miss Anita Loos, has made almost £450,000 out of it. Which shows what you can do if you are a brunette. It has recently been converted into a successful musical comedy, and a new film has just been based on it.

But a girl modelling herself on Lorelei these days should be warned of a few shifts in the times. There would not, for example, be much point in restricting herself to the English aristocracy.

Lorelei's most lucrative contacts in London had names like Sir Francis Beekman and Lord Cooksleigh, whom she affectionately called Piggie and Cocoo. The contemporary Lorelei would be best advised to concentrate on business men. They may not have coronets, but they have expense accounts.

But an even greater danger for girls like Lorelei is the chance they face of being investigated by the un-American Activities Committee.

Her secrets

Way back in the 'twenties it seems no one cared about giving away the secrets of their country so long as it was in a good cause. And what cause could be better than Lorelei's?

She unblushingly reports that she was told vital secrets about prospective American purchases of aeroplanes in Europe. And she passed these on to Major Falcon — an Englishman!

"I think I will tell Major Falcon all about the aeroplane business as he really wants to know," she writes. "I mean Major Falcon is always a gentleman and he really wants to do quite a lot for us in London. I mean he knows all the sights in London including the Prince of Wales."

With these few reservations, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* can be recommended to any enterprising young lady. In spite of inflation and the Welfare State, blondes remain a universal currency whose market value is unlikely to depreciate.

PARADE

DULL Sardinia used to be TIME the home of briar pipes and pistols. It was a rough, hard-drinking, hard-shooting island, of feuding families.

But things are changing. Last year, there were only 47 killings there. Back in 1940, there were 90. And, according to Italian police records, the unshaven sharpshooters staged only 655 holdups during the year — against 800 seven years ago.

There were only eight demands for "protection money" and five kidnappings during the year. In 1940, the totals were 38 and 20.

The police are jubilant. But Sardinia has a population of only a million.

SHE LIKED MEN

Into an Alexandria court bounced sultry dark-eyed Naïma Abdel Meguid. She explained that she liked men.

The court didn't dispute the fact in four months, she has run through four husbands — without bothering to get divorced in between. Husband number four caught on to the fact, called the police.

By way of further explanation, Naïma added: "Changing husbands is so exciting. I like excitement almost as well as men."

PARTY GIRL

Laundress Marie Georgetown of Paris is a party girl. She likes the house full of handsome strapping men in uniform. And that is why Marie is in jail.

Despairing of keeping her house full of the right kind of men, she called out the police. But they didn't impress her much. "They were just polite," she said. So she called the fire brigade.

The judge sent her to prison for six weeks.

But Marie is defiant. "Next time I'll call the Republican Guard," she announced.

ONE BOTTLE MAN

Rayo the Fakir (in real life, 46-year-old Rudolf Schmied) is probably the most famous one-bottle man in Europe.

He recently completed a year in a bottle.

Just before Christmas 1952, he had himself sealed in a seven-foot clear-glass bottle. Food and drink was passed in through the neck and he exercised himself by "running on the spot."

The year was spent in travelling from carnival to carnival — where Rudy charged the admiring public a suitable fee for looking at him.

Out the other day, he announced modestly: "It was a profitable experience."

REAL The Lisbon wedding banquet was warming up... Just for fun, the bride grabbed a brandy bottle. The bridegroom, worried about the Portuguese sense of propriety, slipped her wrist.

The bride's sister slipped him back. Whereupon the best man took a swing at the bride's father.

When police arrived, 100 guests were busy slugging it out. The bridegroom went off to jail.

Was the bride upset? Not a bit. "My husband is a real man," she said, proudly surveying the room full of fallen.

NEIGHBOURS' GOSSIP

For 20 years, policeman Jean-Marie

Leport escorted handcuffed prisoners to the dock. And, at the time, his neighbours at Coutance, France, continued to gossip. Ten years ago, his wife was found dead under a pile of fallen logs.

But the neighbours never believed that the logs killed her. So recently, police dug up her body and doctors reported that Madame Leport had been killed by a sharp instrument.

Jean-Marie was led into the dock — to face a murder charge.

DEAD, BUT HEART WAS BEATING

Remarkable evidence was given at a recent Peterborough

quest on a 41-year-old Latvian, Otis Arvids Ankups, who was said to have been "legally dead" 24 hours before his heart stopped beating.

The man's hand was injured in a machine he operated at a local plastics factory and he was admitted to Peterborough Hospital. When his heart stopped beating, the doctors got it working again by direct massage. His breathing restarted and these signs of life were maintained for nearly 24 hours.

The coroner, declared: "Although the heart was restarted, the man was really nothing more than an automaton." The verdict was accidental death.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

New Year Delusions

BY HARRY WEINERT



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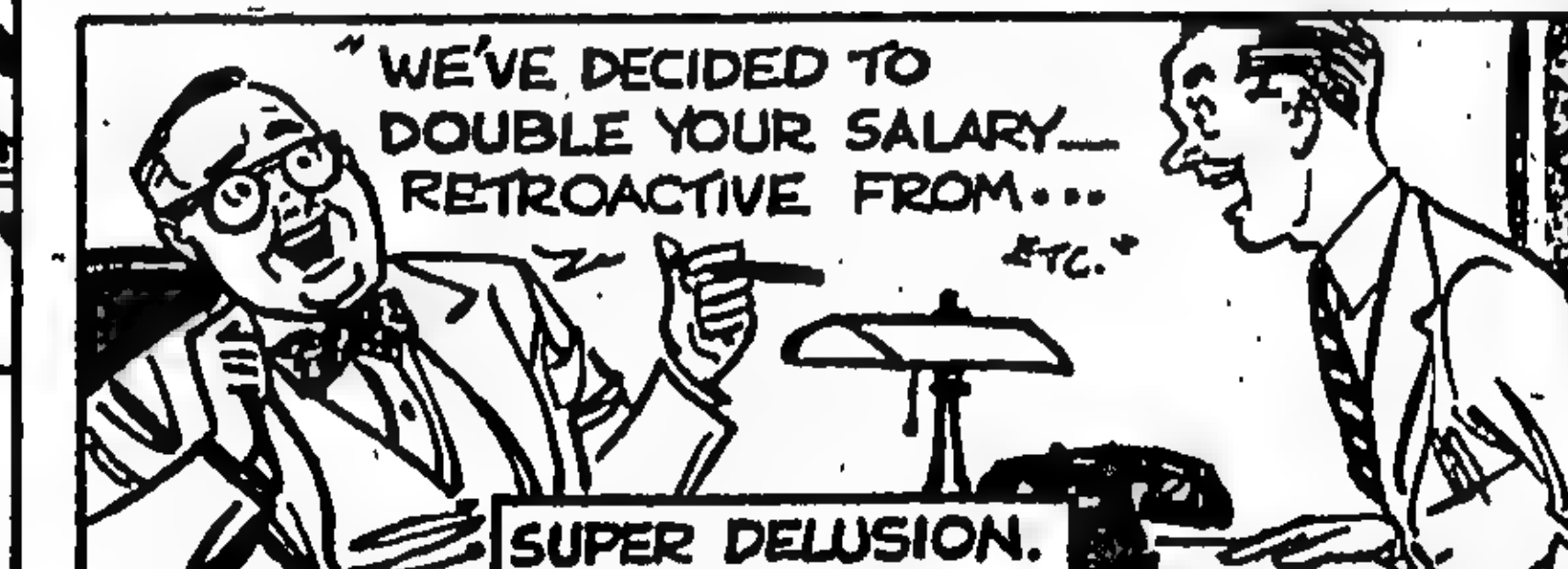
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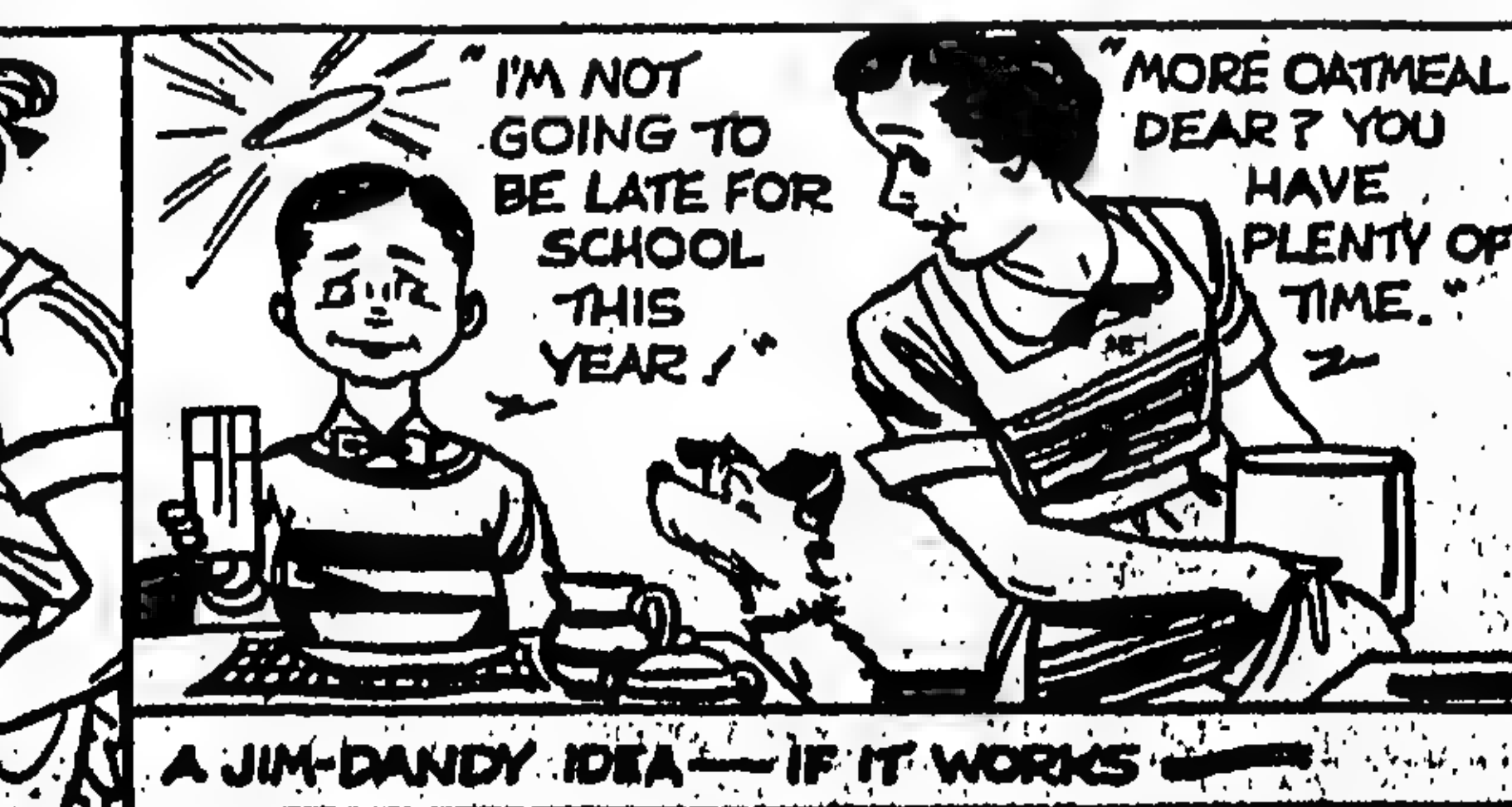
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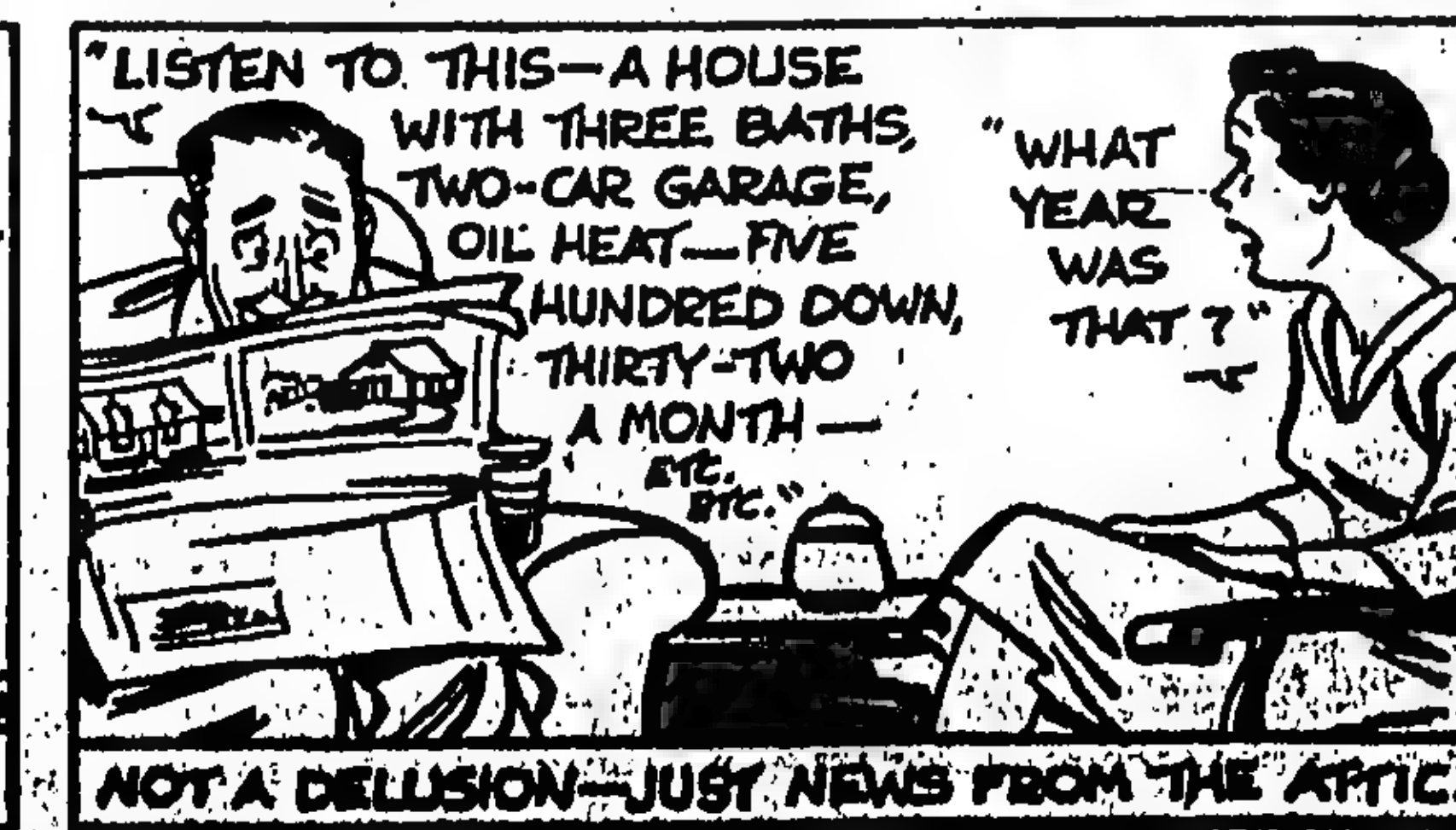
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NOT A DELUSION — JUST NEWS FROM THE APPLIC

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

BRAVES SHOULD BEAT THE USS ORCA IN TOMORROW'S FEATURE MATCH

Says "SNOOPER"

My prediction is that Ed Carvalho's champion Braves will beat the slugging USS Orca outfit in the feature Senior "A" return softball tussle on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park, but the gobs may pull a surprise in this eagerly-awaited clash which is expected to draw another capacity crowd of fans. Preceding the Braves-Orca battle royal, the Warriors face the youthful Rexes in the morning session game.

It will be remembered that the Orca ballplayers were almost through in the first round meeting but for the magnificent spirit of the Braves who rallied in the seventh to tie up the ball game and then went on to beat the sailors by 3-2 in the eighth. The Orca lodged a protest in the seventh and later the Protest Board of the Hongkong Softball Association upheld the objection. The first round game will be replayed from the seventh canto next Sunday (January 17).

That rip-roaring game between the Braves and the Orca, played some six weeks ago, had supporters of both camps worked up to fever pitch and was undoubtedly a fine, hard game. The two teams are expected to treat this Sunday's crowd to another grand game.

If the Orca ballplayers could themselves unclutter not to be on the winning end in the first round clash they will be given another chance to show themselves tomorrow. Because of the sailors' lack of practice, I am inclined to favour the Braves to win, but they will have to fight hard.

After weeks of practice at King's Park the Braves have looked more polished in initial play but there is little to choose between pitchers Kelly Silva-Netto and Jock Brown in effectiveness.

BIG BLOW

The loss of moundsman Chapple Remedios is a big blow to the Braves, but it is considerable consolation to manager Carvalho that both Silva-Netto and Brown have returned to form.

Carlos Yvanovich will be an automatic choice at first while Manuel Gutierrez has proven his capabilities behind the plate. Hank Kilien is improving rapidly at second and should play again, but it is planned to remove Junior Remedios from shortstop to third with the acquisition of Roberto Nunes who is likely to be posted as shortstop.

It will be Nunes' first appearance for the Braves in the season's big league games. Outfielders are likely to be left-fielder Dick Chaves, centre-fielder Spike Gutierrez and right-fielder Buji Dhabher.

TRIBUTE TO WARRIORS

That Alfredo Oliveira's relegation-menaced Warriors succeeded in beating Chev Teol's South China last Sunday is a great tribute to their fighting calibre, and if not quite stylish in the manner in which they defeated the Carolinians, they performed reasonably well for a team that has lost most of its lustre.

I have little doubt that if the Warriors maintain their improved form they will beat the Rexes comfortably tomorrow. Both teams are apt to be ragged, and if the two teams are level on form my bet will still be on the Warriors.

There will be two Senior "B" games followed the Braves-Orca tussle. There can be little doubt that Bob Gunnman's Americans are now at their best but the Yanks will have stern opposition from Jack Carvalho's Wildfires in the feature game.

A pitcher who will have to be seriously considered is Daniel Remedios who is a very consistent moundsman. Re-

medios paved the way for the Americans' rousing success over Bill Silva's Delawareans in their last outing and an American victory over the Wildfires would chiefly come from his pitching performance. Solid support is bound to come from catcher Jack Bordwell.

Although the Pandas, Wildfires and the Delawareans are ahead of the Yanks, the Americans are within striking distance and their chances of annexing the Senior "B" Pennant cannot be ignored. The Americans finished second to the Rexes last season.

I was impressed with the way Jimmy Herrick's Pandas battled Bill Silva's Delawareans in a thrilling finish to win by 7-0 last Sunday. On that showing the Pandas will have to be respected.

I made a special note of pitcher Herrick himself, who has improved greatly. When the Pandas face Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers tomorrow, much will depend on Herrick's pitching.

COLLEENS IMPRESS

It was a great day for Bunny Remedios' Colleens last week-end when the red-shirted softballers humbled Virginia Hibel's Wahooks "B" by a remarkable 23-5 score after having been held 4-4 at the close of the third and at one stage trailing 2-3. Coach Eddie Marques came in for many congratulations afterwards.

By virtue of this victory the Colleens have moved up threateningly nearing the home stretch, but whether Pearl Chavis Pandas will deprive the Colleens of second place remains to be seen. The much-awaited return tussle between these two teams will be played on Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and a close and keenly-contested game should be witnessed.

Among the Pandas' candidates to challenge the Colleens are pitcher May Wu, catcher Eugenia Kwok, shortstop Amy Cheng and outfielder Stella Pih. The Pandas have had some bad luck in the matter of sick lists, but it is understood that Diane Tong, regular first base, will be turning out for the Sunday game and her presence should be keenly felt.

In the game against the Wahooks "B", relief pitcher Sheila Bernal-Silva did a capable job when she was sent in to replace Dolly Norman in the top of the third frame.

Sheila's standard of pitching that day was very high. More than once she has fired the imagination of those Colleens who worked as hard as Virgie Ribeiro's Wahooks for that memorable 23-5 victory. Whether coach Marques will start Sheila against the Pandas remains to be seen.

Likely to be seen in action are "Pam" Hall, Bunay Remedios, "Tom" Remedios, Sally Sun, Alda Oliveira and Dolly Norman.

Let there be no mistake. There is a big difference between pitcher Evelyn Alonco of the Wahooks "B" and May Wu of the Pandas. The good number of hits collected by the Colleens was, I believe, the principal reason for the Wahooks' ignominious setback.

But the Colleens should look very much the unknown pupils against the fast, direct balls of May Wu who distinguished herself against Terry Noronha's champion Owls last month. Should May give another superb display throughout, I have every reason to believe that the Colleens will suffer their second successive defeat at the hands of the Pandas.

In the matter of coaching, the Colleens are well on top. Between veteran Eddie Marques and coach Willie Woo of the Pandas, experience will tell in the end. A little steadiness on the part of coach Woo in guiding the Pandarates will pay handsome dividends.

In the other Ladies' League game, Terry Noronha's Owls should not be extended and should beat the witless Chinese Athletic Association by a comfortable margin.

JUNIOR GAMES

Frank Poon's unbeaten Chinese Athletic Association first team should go to town again this afternoon against the Pandas. The CAA youngsters have a budding attack that is rated as Senior "B" standard and their teamwork has worked much more smoothly than the Pandas'.

With "Little Goose" Wong, who is considered one of the most promising youngsters in the Colony, pitching there is little reason for the CAA softballers to falter this afternoon.

The much-vaunted Maunus will be given a fine opportunity to score another win at the expense of the Chinese Athletic Association second team. This game should finish with the Maunus at least 10 runs ahead of their opponents.

David Cooper's 25 Gunners will have to produce first class softball to overcome stern opposition from the Cubs who caused a sensational upset victory over the Maunus a month ago. The soldiers, who have made much progress in the game, still lack finishing power. But there can be no denying that the Gunners owe much to the good work accomplished by David Cooper on the mound.

In the final game of the afternoon, Fred Diesta's PI Dodgers face the Rockies. The Dodgers will start strong favourites to clinch the game.

TWO MINDS THINK AS ONE



Together, twins D. Carew and J. Carew (background) ponder a problem during the London Boys' Chess Championship at University College in Gower Street, London. The twins, 14, are students at Whitgift School, Croydon.—Reuterphoto.

International Rugger This Afternoon

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon at Boundary Street spectators will see the opening round of the International series. These two games should provide some really exciting tussles as the teams are all fairly evenly matched, each having a good selection from the various Colony rugger XV's.

The first game is between England and Wales and it begins at 3.15 p.m., and is followed at 4.15 p.m. by the match between Scotland and a Commonwealth XV.

In the first game Wales have had to field a weaker side than they hoped to, as the Welsh Regiment have refused to allow any of their players to be selected, as they have a friendly inter-unit match on Saturday.

This is not the spirit that is wanted in the Colony's rugger and the Welsh Regiment should realise that in rugger circles they have been highly criticised in the last few days for their defection from the Internationals.

All this does not mean that the Welsh have a weak team. On the contrary they have a fifteen which will take a lot of stopping, and it is a pity that Dal Rees, who was to have captained them, has had to call off because of an injury.

They have a good back line and a fairly strong pack but they are going to find it a struggle to overcome the England forwards who have the services of Owen as hooker.

For this reason I think that England should see more of the ball and as they have about the best set of three of all the teams they should therefore win; but if the Welsh loose forwards do their job well and another the English halves, then the game could very easily go the other way.

The fact that neither side has played before as a team also leaves a lot to conjecture, but on the whole the England side should have the lion's share of the play, and emerge the victors.

HARD TO FORECAST

The second game is even harder to forecast as very few of the Commonwealth team

has as yet been seen in action in the Colony.

The three Club players who are playing in this fifteen can be relied upon to play a good, hard game and presuming the rest of the side to be of the same standard the Scottish XV is going to have to go all out to win.

In the Scottish side we have Ego as hooker and this should give the Scottish backs the greater share of the ball from the scrum, and with Craig at the base of the scrum the three can depend on a good steady service.

The Scottish three are very fast and provided a certain one of them watches his passing, they should do very well. Nicholson and McIlven can always be relied upon to take the ball well upfield and Moore in the centre has been playing very well of late.

This should also be a close game and it could well be that Scotland might just fall against what is said to be a very rugged bunch of players.

Definitely this is a "must" for all rugger fans and they will find the trip to the Police Recreation Ground well worth their while, and should see two first class games.

My Best Golf Shot

A 100-1 Slice Came Off For Richard Burton

Supreme moment in the golfing life of Richard Burton (Coombe Hill) came with a three at the 18th hole at St Andrews, which won him the 1939 Open Championship from American Johnny Bulla by two shots.

This, however, did not provide his biggest thrill. It was a 100-1 shot in a London tournament the same year. He recalls:

"The most thrilling shot, and the one I remember best, was at the 460-yard 8th hole on the Moor Park High course.

"My drive was sliced; finished behind trees. A No. 4 iron could have got the ball over them but not on the green—a probable 5.

"So I decided on a 100-to-1 shot and it came off. I sliced a brassie shot almost half a circle round the trees.

"It was no half-hearted effort. The ball whizzed its way to the green and finished 5ft. from the pin. Down went the putt for a 3. This ended me to the for the £300 first prize with Alf Padgham.

"Later, I had an almost identical shot at Oakdale, Harrogate. This time I 3-putted."

COMFORT

Week-end golfers who fall with their drives can find comfort in these opinions of Burton.

"The driver is too uncertain for week-end golfers. Many would get better results if a brassie were used from the tee.

"They try to manoeuvre the ball with a driver. With the straight face, they have no chance. The margin of error is greater.

"On the average, club players do not lose length with a brassie. They gain by being down the middle."

—James Goodfellow

(London Express Service)

PIRIE TRAINS SUCCESSOR

Wonder runner Gordon Pirie is busily engaged training his possible successor. 17-year-old Laurie Reed, Read is Junior Inter-Banks Cross Country Champion and over the same course Pirie won the senior event in only 1 min 43 secs better time. Reed is consistently returning better times than Pirie did at his age five years ago and Pirie says Reed can outstrip him.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Club's public stand at Happy Valley is being lent to the Hong Kong Automobile Association for a Motor Rally on Sunday, 17th January, 1954.

Members of the Jockey Club attending the Rally must wear their Member's badge otherwise they will not be admitted thereto, except on payment of the admission fee charged by the Association.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1954
23rd, 27th and 30th January and
Hong Kong Derby
8th May, 1954.

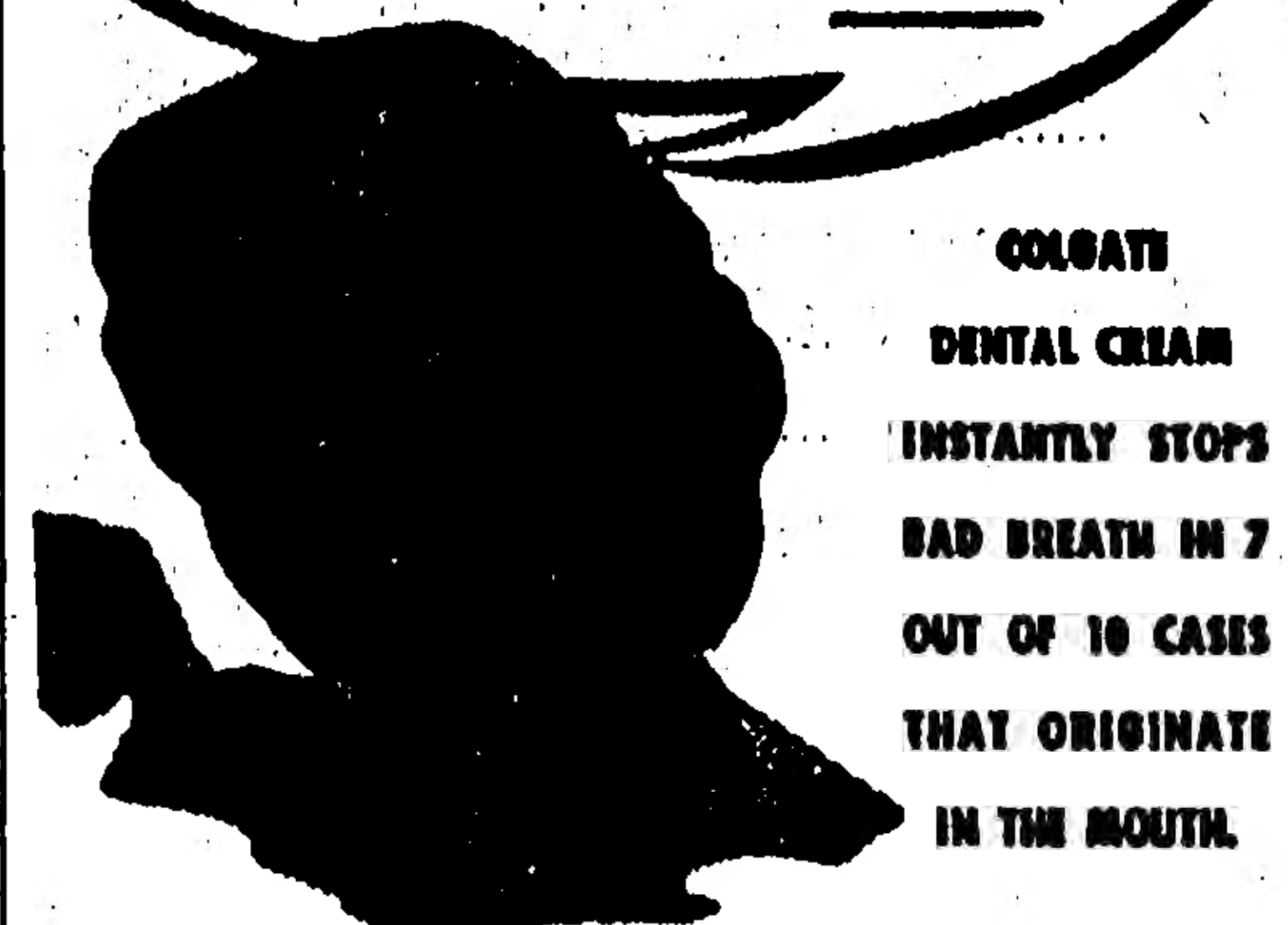
Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the above may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close to the Secretary, Alexandra House, 8th Floor, at NOON on Tuesday, 12th January, 1954.

Please enclose the entry form in the green envelope provided.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
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(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
Friday 1st and Saturday 9th January, 1954.

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The fifth interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.). On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2 p.m. The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED. All persons MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the meeting.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him. Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 7281).

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employer's boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths in the Members' Betting Hall.

CASH SWEEPS

The cost of a Through Ticket is \$30.00. Through Tickets reserved for this meeting but not paid for by 10 a.m. on Thursday, 31st December, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

Cash Sweep Tickets on the last race of the 1st Day (1st January) at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, (Chater Road), 5, D'Aguller Street and 382 Nathan Road, during normal office hours and until 10 a.m. on that day.

Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 30th January, 1954, are now available. The cost of each ticket is \$2.00.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS AND TICKETS FOR REFUNDS MUST BE PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS. Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

THE WEEK-END GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

This Hand Played With Real Skill

By OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand was played by Ed Burns, of Minneapolis, one of the great bridge stars of America. Ed made his claim, conceding only his own hand and the dummy. Many fine players who have seen the hand can't work it out even seeing all the cards.

Burns won the first trick in his hand with the ace of clubs. East discarding the deuce of spades. Declarer continued with his three high spades, and West discarded a diamond and a heart.

Now Burns led a low club towards dummy. West had to put up the ten of clubs since otherwise dummy would win with the eight of clubs, and West would eventually be put in the lead with a club in order to lead away from his queen of diamonds.

When West put up the ten of clubs, declarer won in dummy with the king. He cashed his king of spades, discarding the

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♠ K763			
♥ 932			
♦ J83			
♣ K82			
WEST			
♠ 5	♠ 10842		
♥ 74	♥ QJ1003		
♦ 972	♦ 1067		
♣ QJ1075	♣ None		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AQJ			
♥ AK			
♦ AK4			
♣ A643			
Both sides vul.			
South West North East			
3NT Pass 4NT Pass			
6NT Pass Pass Pass			
Opening lead—♠ Q			

small diamond from his hand. West temporised by discarding a second small heart.

Now South returned to his own hand with the ace of hearts and cashed the king of hearts. West couldn't afford to throw a club, so he had to throw a second low diamond.

Now Burns cashed the ace and king of diamonds and led a low club from his hand towards dummy's eight. What could West do?

If West played low, dummy would win with the eight of clubs and cash the jack of diamonds. If West stepped up with the jack of clubs, he would then have to lead away from his seven-five of clubs to declarer's nine-six. Either way, Burns was sure to make his contract.

You don't often see a fine problem hand dealt out in actual play—and played with such skill and assurance.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
1 NT Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-10-9-8, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds A-Q-4-3, Club 8. What do you do?

A—Bid four spades. Slam is extremely doubtful in view of your partner's minimum rebid. It is better to make sure of setting the right game contract than to risk setting to some un-natural contract. If a mis-stander arises through your attempt to bid a doubtful slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-10-9-8, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds A-Q-4-3, Club 8. What do you do?

Answer On Monday.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

BORN today, you are so self-assured about everything that you are apt to get a little rocky unless you are careful. True, self-confidence is warranted, since you do have a great deal of strength of character and usually know exactly where you are going. But let others toot the horns! You will be more popular if you are a little more humble about what you can do.

You have fertile energy and appear to have never known what fear is. You will tackle anything, provided only it is something you are personally interested in. You are seldom interested in the worried-over issues presented by others. You have to be the instigator of the action. But once you have started something and committed yourself to a project, you let nothing stand in your way of accomplishment. However, you may find it necessary to learn a little more co-operation with others if you are to reach what the world calls a success—that is, if you acquire much material wealth. Start new jobs in March or November, for those seem to be your most productive periods.

An early marriage will probably bring you the highest degree of happiness, for to you a large family circle is one of the most important things in life. You have a magnetic personality and will probably have more than one romance before you select your marriage partner.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A wise choice today may set the pattern for future progress. Make exactly the right decisions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can really relax tensions today and store up energy for the future. Seek spiritual guidance, if perplexed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There is a chance for accident if you are not especially careful while travelling. Stay alert; don't hurry.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you have been worried recently, attend to the church of your choice should bring you a special pleasure today. Visit relax tensions.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Relax tensions. Rest physically and mentally and you will find that it pays in the long run.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you have been neglecting your church affiliations recently, this would be a good time to mend your habits.

BORN today you are a natural business executive. You know how to take care of large-scale planning; to delegate detail work to appropriate people; and how to get a good profit from your enterprise. You will find that Saturdays and Tuesdays are your best days for starting a project. Optimistically looking on the bright side of everything, your positive nature seems to attract success.

You have a magnetic personality and people are attracted to you wherever you go. You have a gregarious nature and are not happy unless you are surrounded by your friends. Do not try to live a solitary life for you will not be content. Wed at an early age. This will bring you emotional security and leave you free to embark upon your career activities without continual emotional turmoil.

You are mentally alert but sometimes your nervous energy exceeds your physical stamina. You are apt to burn your candle at both ends and unless you learn to relax tensions, you are likely to have a setback in your health at some critical period in your life. Get as much outdoor exercise as you can. Don't cut your sleeping hours too short or you will have to pay up! Although you do your best work in urban environments where there is a lot of excitement, you should occasionally retreat to the country for rest and relaxation.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You can secure a powerful advantage today if you can overcome an undercurrent of resistance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't expect too much just now for this is a period devoted mainly to dull, but important, routine.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—If a job needs doing, keep your mind on it and don't permit yourself to be distracted for one instant.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Be careful of you might mislay

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Pay attention to intuition, but not only upon your more considered judgment. Combine the two for best results.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If signing a contract, make sure that you read all the fine print. Be careful about all the details.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If making plans to redecorate your home, you might consult an expert, if unsure of exactly what to do.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Diplomacy may win a major battle for you today. Headlong slugging will get you exactly nowhere. Be polite.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Be alert to all innuendo and look for underlying motives in any suggestion or opportunity offered you today.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't take anything for granted. Make very certain of all your facts before you act on anything.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Energy will bring its own rewards today. Use your initiative, too, in solving a knotty problem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—If you have been worried recently, attend to the church of your choice should bring you a special pleasure today. Visit relax tensions.

Crippled Girl's Song Recorded

ONE of the most unforgettable recordings in the film, "The Robe," is the crippled girl's "Song of the Resurrection," which helps convert the tribune to Christianity.

This haunting song of belief is faithfully reproduced by Carole Richards in Decca's 12-inch long-play recording of the music from "The Robe." Alfred Newman, who composed the impressive score, conducts the Hollywood Symphony Orchestra.

Gordon Jenkins' newest and most ambitious composition is "Seven Dreams," now available on a Decca 12-inch slow-moving 78, with Bill Lee and an excellent supporting cast. The most unusual dream centres around a cemetery caretaker's life among the "friendly dead."

Paul Weston also offers some "Dream Time Music" on a

Columbia label. However, this is an assembly of such sweet-dreamy tunes as "I'll See You Again," "You Were Meant for Me" and "Together."

The newest "Kiss Me Kate" album (M-G-M), from the sound track of the Kathryn Grayson-Howard Keel-Annie Miller movie, compares quite favourably with the one made by the Broadway cast several years ago. Ann Miller is especially good in the "Always True to You in My Fashion" number.

—WILLIAM D. LAFFLER

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

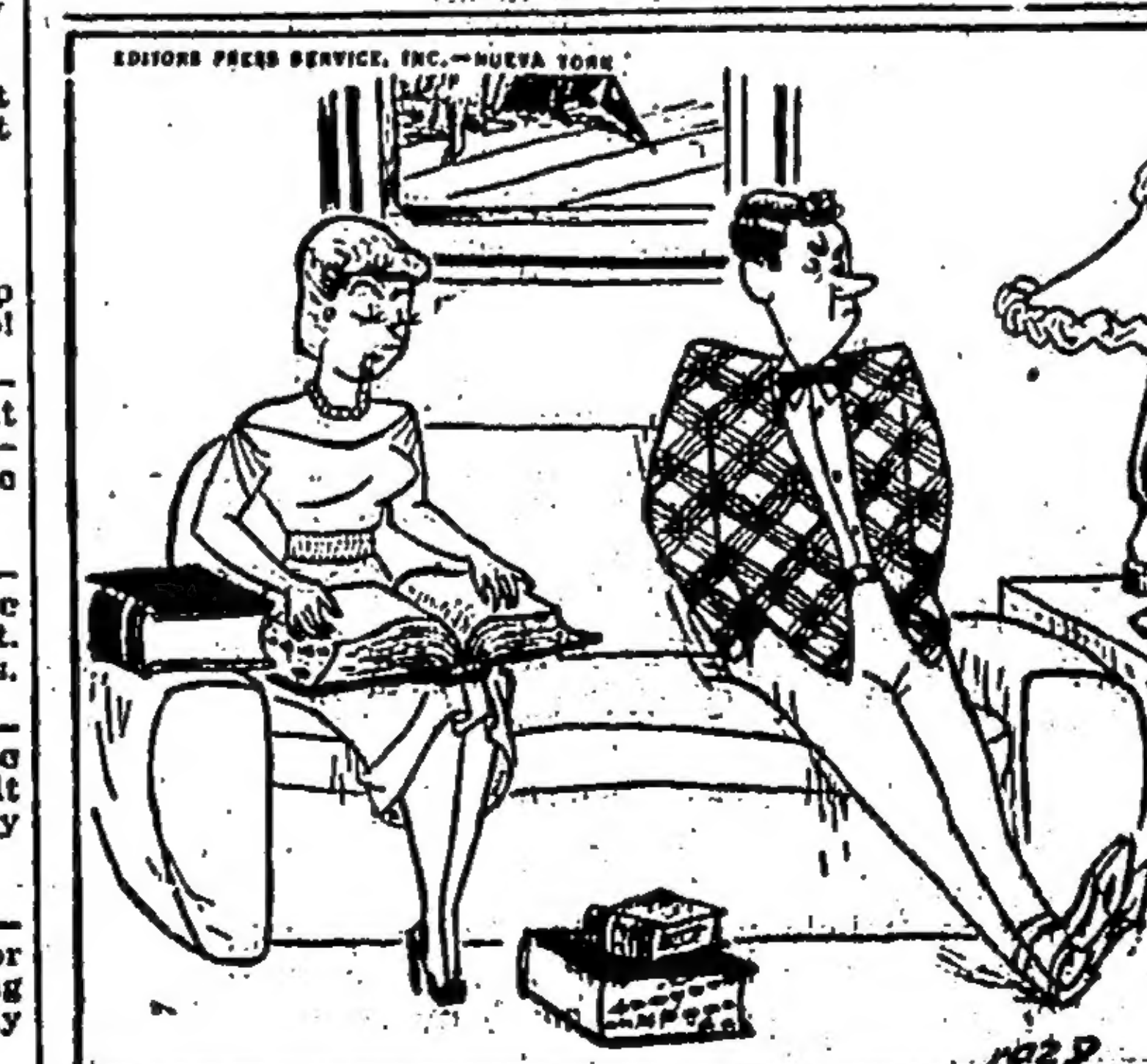
AN advisory committee which has been sitting in secret for eleven months has published a very informative 370,000-word statistical report on poisonous London air, with an appendix on the causes and effects of pollution.

Briefly summarised, its findings may be said to be that fog and smoke do undoubtedly tend to pollute the air. The report mentions (in Part XVI) that cigarette, pipe, and cigar smoke accounted for 72,100 tons of smoke in the first eight and a half calendar months of 1953. Smokeless tobacco, of which there is more available, is recommended to all smokers as a method of extracting oxides of sulphur from liquid droplets of grit, soot, dirt, fith, muck, and synthetic steam is being investigated.

The plot thickens
MR SHOGGS felt sure he knew where to find Crawley next day. He therefore repaired to a low tavern about a mile from the school. Need I say that Crawley had already sold the examination papers to Mr Whistle, a mathematics master? But stay! Behind the school chapel yet another set of papers had changed hands, a seedy house-master having exchanged them for an IOU in the possession of the football coach.

DART WORDS
I N making his way from DEBBY to KATHARINA, Dart words today takes in a couple of American Presidents, a British statesman, a Greek poet, a Latin expression, a couple of words from the queen with whose heart one of the poets is historically connected. You may well find the words in such a way that the relation-ship between the word and the one next to it is governed by one of six rules.

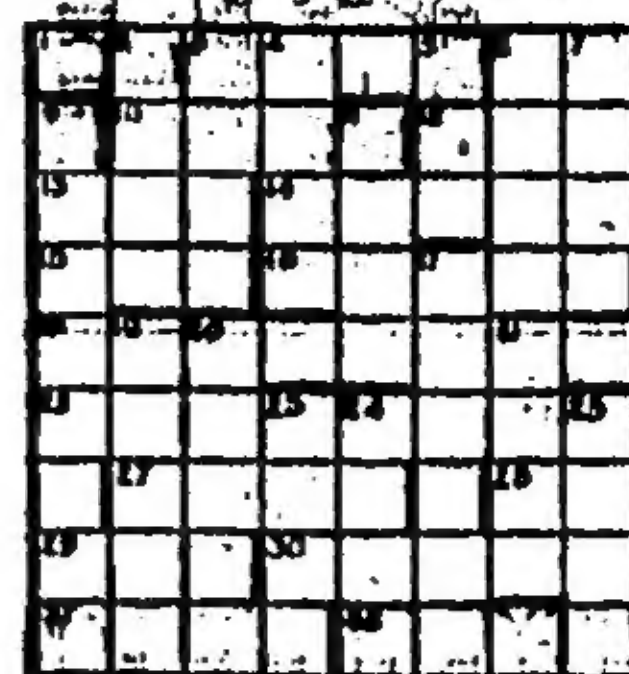
RULES
1. The word may be an anagram of the word that precedes it.
2. It may be a synonym of the word that precedes it.
3. It may be found by adding one letter to, or subtracting one from, or changing one letter in the preceding word.
4. It may be associated with the preceding word in a saying, simile, metaphor, or association of ideas.
5. It may form with the preceding word a name of a well-known person, place, or thing in fact or fiction.
6. It may be associated with the preceding word in a title or in the section of a book, play, or other composition.



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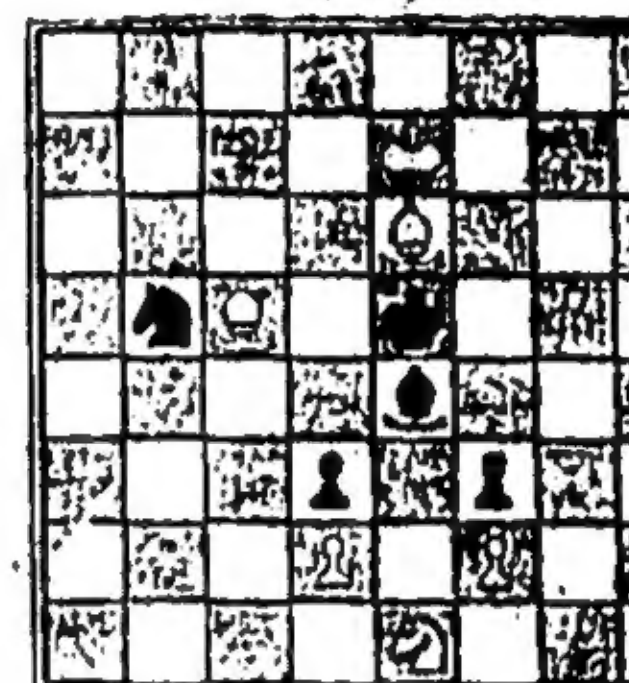
CROSSWORD



Across
1. Birds box differently. (9)
2. The French, followed by a small advertisement. (4)
3. Reconstructed most of music. (3)
4. One of the knights in two with the word "not" cast. (9)
5. The heart of the puzzle. (8)
6. There's a sort of meditation about mixed tea. (3)
7. Rate go back to the illumination. (9)
8. It helped the Poor. (9)
9. Start up a team. (4)
10. Stolen in the Army. (3)
11. End of scientific investigations. (3)
12. Kim led in the aptitude to be a. (4)
13. Part returned. (4)
14. Someone lost the 20 Across. (5)
Down
1. He mixed and followed with a. (4)
2. A see to mixed. (4)
3. A kind of party. (4)
4. Crown without the credit. (3)
5. Stole Britannia, he wrote. (4)
6. The one to breathe may be a. (4)
7. Quilting supports. (5)
8. Quilting supports. (5)
9. Love one. (3)
10. You do this to TIM at any old time. (4)
11. Do this to us, do we not laugh? (4)
12. He took suite in Limerick. (5)
13. An era for the circus. (5)
14. A word fellow. (4)
15. You can get a hint on this. (4)
16. Rainbow girl. (4)
17. Lane fellow got around. (4)
18. Appropriately, these wind up the music. (4)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. ANDERSEN
Black, 5 pieces.

White, 7 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-Q8, any; 2. Q. B, or Kc mates.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

T. HICKS-LAMB

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 20)

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Is Russia Dumping Her Goods In Europe?

Corpse Was A Dummy

Chicago, Jan. 8. The Police hurried to investigate a report of a "dead man in a car" and ended up handling out a passing ticket.

The "dead man" was a clothing store dummy left in an auto which was illegally parked. — United Press.

US Third Div. Will Stay In S. Korea

Washington, Jan. 8. The American Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, today denied a report that a third American division would be moved from Korea. It would not be back for "a long long time."

Mr. Wilson said no consideration was being given to taking back five American divisions in Europe and he did not know where the two divisions, which would be withdrawn from Korea, had been sanctioned, would be stationed.

The Secretary of Defence added that the Joint Chiefs of Staff knew of no plans for altering the disposition of American troops in Europe and he knew nothing of reports that certain American ground forces would be stationed in the Saar.

The reduction of America's armed forces, he continued, had taken into account both the development of new weapons and the improvement in the international situation. Evidence of such an improvement, he pointed out, had been provided by the end of the fighting in Korea, the reinforcement of Atlantic Pact defences and the progress achieved in the economy of Europe.

The fourth Forrestal class aircraft carrier (60,000 tons) would be built sooner than had been originally planned, but that it would not have atomic engines.

Savings in military expenditure for the current fiscal year may amount to \$1,000,000,000. The army would be maintained at 21 divisions and the air force would include 115 air groups by next July 1, instead of the 110 groups as originally planned. There would be 121 air groups by June 30, 1955 he added. — France-Press.

Queen And Duke Walked Up The Main Street

New Plymouth, New Zealand, Jan. 8. Queen Elizabeth's journey through the "Garden of New Zealand," today was marked by the most informal occasion of the Royal tour so far.

It happened when she left the red and white train at Stratford, last stop before the Happy East-West rail crossing of the North Island ended at this port on the Tasman Sea.

The Royal couple walked for 10 minutes along Broadway, Stratford's main street, through cheering crowds packed 15 deep. On their way to a dais for presentations, the Queen walked with the Mayor, Mr. H. Moss, and the Duke of Edinburgh followed with the Mayoress.

Today's 100-mile trip from Palmerston, North, to New Plymouth, through rich pastoral land, was a repeat of the triumphant first day of the "whistle-stop" tour.

Excited children led the cheering and flag waving. In New Plymouth tonight, the Royal couple made two appearances at the Criterion Hotel in response to chants from crowds below of "we want the Queen" — "We want the Duke." — Reuter.

Vienna, Jan. 8. The Austrian Red Cross has been informed that the Czechoslovak Government intends to release eight Austrian citizens on January 16. These eight Austrians have been imprisoned in Czechoslovakia since 1945. Altogether 10 Austrians are reported to be detained in Czechoslovakia. — France-Press.

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UNDERBIDDING THE WEST WITH IRON, GRAIN & OIL

London, Jan. 8. Russia is fiercely underbidding world market prices in an apparent "bargain basement" drive to bolster trade, authoritative sources said today.

Latest Soviet metal sales in Britain and in West European countries have been well below world price levels, they pointed out. Russian prices for cast iron supplies in West Europe have been reported as much as 20 per cent below those of the West European Steel and Coal Pool.

Britain's deal with Moscow for pig iron and manganese supplies, disclosed here yesterday, was also understood to have been concluded well below world market prices.

In recent agreements with other countries, even though she is apparently short of it, Russia has offered grain at \$33 per ton compared with the \$110 last year, according to latest reports.

Petroleum prices have also been reduced. Russian petroleum price tags are reported now based on the "minimum" Mexican Gulf price instead of an "average" Gulf price last year.

Experts said they are as puzzled about this development as they are over most of Moscow's recent trade moves, including the arrival of more than US\$125,000,000 worth of gold in Britain and in West European capitals in the last two months.

They believe it is all part of the Kremlin's campaign to accumulate reserves of Sterling and other foreign currencies, including the hard Belgian franc for her own purchases in the West.

There is no definite indication of the quantities of metals offered by Moscow this side of the Iron Curtain. The latest deal concluded with Britain—the first of its kind since the war—was for 100,000 tons of pig iron to be supplied in six months and of "large quantities" of manganese.

Apparently, Russia also has been unloading substantial quantities of metals on the Continent, sources said. The High Authority of the West European Steel and Coal Pool has agreed to allow a two per cent margin on steel prices in the common market where Soviet competition in cast iron supplies was said to have been felt over recent weeks.

Experts are at present examining the scope of these Russian sales to determine whether they present a case of outright dumping.

Russia is also stepping up some types of her orders in Europe and in the British Commonwealth.

She is understood to be buying more tin, lute, wool and to a lesser extent rubber as far as it is available under existing security limitations. She is also ordering small ships in Britain, Belgium and Scandinavian countries. — United Press.

Patient Kills Doctor

Cagliari, Sardinia, Jan. 8. A policeman fatally wounded a doctor here today while being treated by the physician for a nervous affliction.

As the doctor was giving the policeman an injection, the latter pulled out his revolver and shot him. The doctor died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

The policeman gave himself up to the authorities and said he had fired at the physician because the injection he had received had not cured him. — France-Press.

BOYS AND GIRLS SOLUTIONS

MEANINGFUL WORDS: 1—Cricket. 2—Well. 3—Score. 4—Plant. 5—Pitch. 6—Bill. 7—Lovers. 8—Can. 9—Scale. 10—Yard. 11—Tree. 12—Right. 13—Pound. 14—Spring. 15—Moth.

Some Light On The Subject

Bloomfontein, Jan. 8. An elderly woman sighted in the Bloomfontein magistrates court suddenly heard her name called.

An she stumbled to her feet, the prosecutor asked her if she pleaded guilty or not guilty of driving without lights.

She explained in a daze that she did not even own a car—and investigation showed that she had the same name and initials as another woman who was to appear on the charge. — Reuter.

Lobster Shells May Help Cancer Patients

Ottawa, Jan. 8. Canada's fishery scientists are developing a new cancer treatment from lobster shells—the same shells that may soon provide thread for nylons.

Dr. S. A. Beatty, chief of the Government experimental station at Halifax, said a cheaper way had been found to extract D-Glucosamine hydrochloride from lobster shells.

GH is a chemical that arrests the growth of certain tumours in mice. The station processed 13,500 grams of the substance and turned it over to Montreal General Hospital for medical research.

The cost of production was still a prohibitive feature. It was estimated that it would cost about \$130 a week to fill the needs of just one cancer patient. Tests were going on to produce GH on an industrial scale. Dr. Beatty said.

The lobster shells, he said, also were an abundant source of chitin, whose structure resembles cellulose. The Halifax station had worked out a way to get good yields of crude chitin from the shells and it was easy now to produce chitin threads—out of which even nylons might be spun. — United Press.

No Ill Effects

Berne, Jan. 8. Cat as well as dog meat is sold legally for human consumption in some Swiss Cantons and does not appear to have any ill effects, the Federal Council said in reply to a Parliamentary question.

The Council added that sale of cat and dog meat in the confederation as a whole was banned, but cantons had the right to authorise it under strict controls. The main condition was that cat and dog butchers should sell no other kind of meat. — Reuter.

'What's His Line?' Solution

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Threat To Vietnam Stronghold

Hanoi, Jan. 8. Franco-Vietnam forces holding heavily fortified Dien Bien Phu, 200 miles west of Hanoi, are now considered to be within the range of Vietminh heavy artillery, brought up to forward positions through mountain trails, according to the French High Command today.

Threatening Dien Bien Phu was the well-known Vietminh "heavy" division equipped with 105 millimetre and 75 millimetre recoilless guns and 120 millimetre mortars.

In addition, the Vietminh commander, General Nguyen Giap, is believed to have sent elements from the 308th and 312th divisions to the front.

NOT WORRIED

The French High Command, however, was not worried by reports of the arrival of heavy artillery as it was pointed out that all positions in Dien Bien Phu had been well dug-in.

But it was considered likely that the Vietminh commander would lay siege to the Franco-Vietnam stronghold with the use of modern weapons, rather than attempt to take it by storm. This immobilisation of several Franco-Vietnam divisions could, it was pointed out, open the way for a Vietminh assault on Luang Prabang, the capital of Laos.

Observers in Hanoi consider the situation to be "delicate" although no official comments are being made. — France-Press.

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK EXCITING DAY

FIRMLY, one morning, the old lady announced she was coming up to town. She lived in comfortable surroundings in the country, and did not often make such expeditions.

Gently the two of her three grown-up children who still lived with her tried to discourage her. "The crowds will be awful, mother," they said. "The trains at this time of year are impossible."

But the old lady was not to be put off by such scare stories. On the day appointed, she put on her best black hat, her best black coat, and, feeling wonderfully adventurous and young, set off for the station.

The trains proved not to be at all as alarmingly full as she had been told they would be, and the London crowds, far from being frightening, were so colourful and gay that they made her feel a girl again.

M.C.C. Lose Trueman: Jamaica, 187

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 8. The M.C.C. were 12 for one in reply to Jamaica's first innings score of 187 when stumps were drawn today in the final match before the first Test begins on January 15.

The M.C.C. suffered a blow during the afternoon when Freddie Trueman, their fast bowler, strained the Achilles tendon in his left leg. It is doubtful that he will bowl again in this match, but there is a good chance that he will be fit for the first Test.

The accident occurred when four wickets were down for 113. Trueman had just previously won a tactical battle against George Headley, 44-year-old idol of Jamaican cricket.

In his first over to the prewar Test star, Trueman varied his pace cleverly and with his last ball invited a hook by dropping slightly short.

Headley, who had scored five, hooked high to fine leg and was caught.

Earlier Alan Moss, the Middlesex fast bowler, had split the opening stand at 62 by having Rae caught at the wicket.

Despite Trueman's absence the M.C.C. kept the initiative. Trevor Bailey yoked N. Bonitto to make half the side out for 138 and six runs later Moss cleverly bowling a slower ball down the leg side, deceived Holt, who made a hurried stroke and Evans took a fine catch.

Top scorer for the Jamaica XI was Frederick, with 56. — Reuter.

N.Z. 296 ALL OUT
The New Zealand touring cricket team scored 296 and Griqualand West replied with one wicket for 18 on the opening day of their three-day game here. Top scorers for the New Zealanders were E. Dempster, 78, and R. Blair, 70. Spin bowler Jack Waddington took five wickets for 103 runs.

The New Zealanders made a poor start, losing six wickets for 90 runs. Both Dempster and Blair, who put on 135 runs in 87 minutes for the eighth wicket, played their highest innings of the tour in first class matches.

Dempster included a six and seven fours among his scoring strokes during a stay of just over two and a quarter hours. Blair hit a six and 10 fours. — Reuter.

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